Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no such instance.

Conviction for cow slaughter.

9. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of conviction for cow slaughter for the last twenty years in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nil.

Nomination of defeated candidate in Kariyannur Panchayat.

10. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why was Kalakkoottu Thoma who was defeated in election nominated as a member of the Kariyannur Panchayat; whether there was no one else other than this defeated man who was qualified for membership;

(b) under what sections of *the Penal Code* was the President of the said Panchayat convicted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Mr. Thoma though defeated in the election is not disqualified under the rules to be a Panchayatdar. (2) A list of qualified persons is not available.

(b) Under section 303 of *the C. P. C.*

Grant of privilege leave to Panchayat employees.

11. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat physicians, Panchayat clerks and peons; if not, who is to look after the work when a physician falls sick?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat clerks and peons; but only leave without allowance is granted to Panchayat *Vaidyans*; when a *Vaidyan* goes on leave another, if available, is appointed to act.

Appointments of Allopathic Physicians in Rural Dispensaries.

12. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions with the names of petitioners received by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for the appointments in the newly started allopathic village dispensaries for the last three years with a caste-war statement of the appointments made;

(b) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer received any petition from one Mr. C. Padmanabha Menon, L.M.P;

(c) if so, when?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Rural dispensaries were established only from 1st Chingam 1103. Seven such dispensaries were opened in 1103 and the following is the list of applications received for appointments to those places:—

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1. Mr. K. V. Kakku, L. M. P.
2. ,, A. Joseph, L. M. P.
3. ,, N. V. Chathukutti, L. M. P.
4. ,, D. K. Shenoi, L. M. P.
5. ,, K. C. Rappai, L. M. P.
6. ,, T. P. Achyuta Pisharodi, L. M. P.
7. ,, C. V. George, L. M. & S.
8. ,, J. Mathew, L. M. P.
9. ,, K. V. Kochunni, L. M. P.
10. ,, C. C. Mathew, L. M. P.
11. ,, R. Sundara Ayyar, L. M. P.
12. ,, P. K. Parasurama Ayyar, M.B.B.S.
13. ,, K. Madhava Menon, L. M. P.
14. ,, K. N. Govinda Menon, L. M. P.
15. ,, V. P. Devassi, L. M. P.
16. ,, P. K. Francis, L. M. P.

Of these 4 Hindus and 3 Christians as detailed hereunder were appointed:—

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Hindus	4.	Brahmin	1
		Nayar	1
		Ambalavasi	1
		Valan	1
Christians	3.	Roman Catholic Syrian	1
		Do Latinite	1
		Syrian Christian Jacobite	1

In 1103, the following four applications were received for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Parasurama Ayyar, the Medical Practitioner, Tattamangalam Grant-in-aid Dispensary:—

1. Mr. N. Venkitachala Ayyar, L. M. P.
2. ,, C. R. Ramaswami Ayyar, L. M. & S.
3. ,, K. Narayana Menon, L. M. P.
4. ,, N. Krishna Wariar, L. M. P.

of whom, No. 1, a Hindu-Brahmin, was appointed in the vacancy.

In 1104, two more Grant-in-aid Dispensaries were opened and the following were the only 2 applications received in time and they were appointed:—

Christians	2.	Roman Catholic Syrian	1
		Syrian Christian Jacobite	1

(b) Yes, after the appointments were made.

(c) On 1st Thulam 1104.

13. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which notification in the Gazette was made in 1104 for applications for the post of Medical Practitioners to be in charge of Grant-in-aid Dispensaries in the State and what was the time-limit of the application;

(2) how many applications were received after time; who were such applicants and what were their qualifications, how long and when was each of them practising as Medical men;

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(3) what was the date on which the appointment was made by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(4) were all the applications considered and what were the reasons to prefer the persons selected;

(5) will the Gazette notifications dated 21st Kanni 1104 and 23rd Vrischigam 1104 about this matter be placed on the Table of the House;

(6) why was no notification invited for Kumbalanghi Dispensary?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Notification dated 17th Kanni 1104 was published in the Gazette dated 21st Kanni 1104. Applications were to reach on or before 25th Kanni 1104.

(2) Three

(i) Mr. C. Padmanabha Menon, L. M. P.	Passed in 1922.	Where practising. Not known.
(ii) Mr. A. S. Lekshmana Ayyar, L. M. P.	1924.	do
(iii) Mr. S. Vaidyanatha Sarma, L. M. P	1925.	Malanad, Mysore.

(3) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's nomination was on 30th Kanni 1104 on which date the applications of the above three had not been received.

(4) Yes: the applications received before the date of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's nomination were considered. (Vide answer to question No. 356 (b) Kumbham Session of 1104).

(5) Placed on the Table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(6) There was no vacancy at Kumbalanghi.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— May I know the dates on which the applications from Messrs. Padmanabha Menon, Lekshmana Ayyar and Vaidyanatha Sarma reached the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— The exact date I cannot say. They were received after date

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know why such a short period was fixed for submitting the applications?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The question of posting men for the Dispensaries was before the public two months before sanction in the Budget Session of last Karkadagam and, judged from the experience of the previous year, applications should have poured in by that time. Until the date of that notification, none was received. To make sure, that notification was publised in the Gazette Really there was ten day's time.

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President.—I think it is a pretty long answer.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I am explaining to make it clear.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When were the applications from Messrs. George, Devassi and Varkki received?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— After the notification.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So there was no application before the notification?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—None.

Cherppu Allopathic Dispensary.

14. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state when was the Cherppu Allopathic Dispensary started and who was the Medical Officer attached to it;

(b) whether he was deputed to do some other work; and if so, how long and who was appointed to take charge of the Dispensary during his absence and the date of the new appointment ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) It was opened on 1st Chingam 1103. Mr. A. Joseph, L. M. P., was the Medical Practitioner who started it.

(b) Yes. This Medical Practitioner was entertained for temporary plague duty from 11th Karkadagam 1103 to 29th Makaram 1104. No new appointment was made during his absence, because the permanent man was expected to return soon and re-open his dispensary.

15. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements, if any, were made by the Government for running the Dispensary referred to in question No. 510 of the Legislative Session of 1104 during the period from 11th Karkadagam 1103 to 29th Makaram 1104 ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No arrangements were made for running the Dispensary as the Medical Practitioner was expected to rejoin duty soon and as it was thought inconvenient to appoint a new man for the short period.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long was this Dispensary closed at Cherpu?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is there.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Where?

Diwan Bahadur Dr V. Verghese.— 11—12—1103 to 29—6—1104.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, on a point of order. Two Members are standing. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When was he expected back?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— Immediately after

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the plague work. Plague had subsided two months before he actually joined. But he was kept on as rats were falling.

Plantation for food-crop cultivation.

16. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) if the area selected for plantation referred to in question No. 431 of the Legislative Session of 1104 was inspected by the Superintendent of Agriculture; (b) if so, when and (c) what are his remarks about the selection of the area fit for food-crop cultivation;

2. were there any objections to the selection of this area for plantation; if so, from whom and when;

3. the date on which the Conservator of Forests issued orders at first to hand over this area for plantation under the Taungya system?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—1. (a) No.

(b) & (c). In view of the reply to (a), no answer is called for.

2. Yes; from the Divisional Forest Officer on 6th Edavam 1103.

3. 8th Meenam 1103.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— What was the objection of the Divisional Forest Officer?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.— The objection was that the area was more suitable for crop cultivation than for plantation.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Were there objections from any others?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Impartible Tarwads under the Nayar Regulation.

17. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Marumakkathayam Nayar families registered as Impartible Tarwads under the provisions of the Cochin Nayar Regulation of 1095?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—A list containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mismanagement of the Perincheri Church School.

18. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what was the report of the Inspector of Schools referred to in question No. 619 (6) of Legislative Session of 1104?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Inspector's report was to the effect that the Manager and the Headmaster were to a greater extent responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of the school than the assistant teachers.

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In-patients in the State Hospitals.

19. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of in-patients in each of the Hospitals of the State for each of the last 3 years 1101, 1102 and 1103 and how many each year belonged to each of the various communities in every Hospital according to the classification of communities maintained in the Hospital registers?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Member's attention is invited to the statement of Medical Relief published in the *Administration Reports* of 1101, 1102 and 1103. Admission to the Hospitals is made not according to communities but according to the nature of the disease and so no record of communities has ever been maintained.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— May I know whether the wealth or the poverty of the patient is a factor for admission?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Any one who comes to the Hospital is admitted. We do not inquire into the wealth or poverty of the patient.

Diwan's visit to Peermede.

20. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the object of the recent visit of the Diwan to Peermede in Travancore; how long did he stay there and what was the T. A. drawn on this account;

(b) had any previous Diwans visited Peermede before; if so, when and what were the objects?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) To interview the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States. Stayed a day and a night. Travelling allowance Rs. 73—2—0.

(b) No information is available on any of these points.

Appointment of a Tenancy Committee.

21. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any letters have been received by the Government Advocate from the Member for Trippunittura and the Member for Land-holders with regard to the necessity of appointing a committee promised by the Diwan to enquire into the conditions of tenancy;

(b) if so, will they be pleased to state in print what those letters were?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the letters are appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Improvement of Keli Thodu.

22. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) why the amount of Rs. 14,250 budgetted as No. 266 for the improvements of Keli *thodu* in the year 1104 was not utilised for the same and how was that amount utilised;

(b) a list of works budgetted in each of the last five years not undertaken that year with the amount for each item and how such amount was utilised every year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—(a) It is proposed to take up this scheme after watching the effects of the proposed diversion of the flood water of the Karuvannur river (Karuvannur Scheme) for which estimate and report are ready. The amount was utilised for other works.

(b) Government regret they cannot furnish the list required as the purpose served thereby is not commensurate with time and labour involved in preparing it.

Thanikudam Scheme.

23. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how much money was spent for the investigation of the Thanikudam Scheme and how the scheme now stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1st part. Rs. 3,983 roughly.

2nd part. The detailed Survey work of the Thanikudam Scheme is over and the report on it is being drawn up by the Special Irrigation Assistant Engineer. The preparation of the report had to be delayed with a view to ascertain the success or otherwise of the *Kuttadan* cultivation this year as this may help a great way to gauge the situation in solving the question of more water supply for *kole* cultivation in Trichur Taluk which will be discussed in the final report under preparation.

Acquisition of land for Companies under the Land Acquisition Regulation.

24. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how much land was acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation in Cochin for the use of limited companies; what are the names of such companies and what were the purposes for which each of this acquisition made and the date of acquisition and how much was acquired for each?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The information asked for cannot be furnished as the period for which it is wanted is not specified.

Pipe system in Ernakulam.

25. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether direct connection from the main pipe is generally allowed for flushing out latrines, etc., of private houses and Government buildings in Ernakulam; is such connection allowed to the General Hospital, Ernakulam?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No connections direct from the main or from service pipes for flushing out latrines of private houses are allowed. But in Government buildings, such as the General Hospital and Town Hall there are connections from service pipes to flush tanks and they are effectively protected from contamination.

Appointment of the Sarvadhikariakar.

26. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi was appointed as Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness the Maharaja ;

(b) what was his pay then ;

(c) what is his present pay ;

(d) the name of the previous Sarvadhikariakars for the last 30 years and the period when each of them acted as Sarvadhikariakar and the maximum pay which each of them was drawing ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) 2nd Thulam 1093 (acting).

(b) Rs. 200.

(c) Rs. 400 plus Rs. 200 personal allowance.

(d) * 1. Mr. C. S. Gopaladesikachari 1—3—1077—Pay Rs. 300.

2. ,, P. Damodara Menon 19—11—1089— Pay Rs. 300 plus P. A. Rs. 40.

3. ,, P. Narayana Menon 8—6—1092—Pay Rs. 200 plus Rs 60 allowance.

4. ,, K. Narayana Pisharodi 2—3—1093 — Pay Rs. 400 plus Rs. 200 P. A.

* The post was made Government only in 1—3—1077.

Sirkar High School, Trichur.

27. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a confidential enquiry regarding the Sirkar High School, Trichur, in Thulam 1103 ; who were the clerks that checked the records, library and laboratory of the school in that connection and for how many days each of the clerks was engaged in the work and on how many days and for how many minutes did the Senior Inspector conduct the enquiry ; what was its result ;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the clerks went and sat down in the Science Teacher's chair in the laboratory in the midst of the boys actually engaged in Science work and ordered the Science teacher to produce the materials as per the list read out by the clerk; if so, whether any action has been taken against the clerk ?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes. The clerks deputed were E. Padmanabha Menon and C. Appukutta Menon. They were engaged in the work for 2 days. The Senior Inspector also took about the same time. Certain charges were made against the Headmaster and they are being further enquired into.

(b) No. The latter part of the question does not arise.

Payment of wages to an employee in the Tramway workshop.

28. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) 1. Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a blacksmith by the name of Narayanan, son of Mani of Muringoor Vadakkummuri Village, working in the Tramway Workshop from 16th Karkadagam 1103 ;

2. if so, how long did he work and what was his daily remuneration; what was the work that he was doing, when was he paid his wages ;

3. were there any petitions to the Foreman or to the Tramway Engineer to the effect that he has not been paid his wages;

4. if so, what are the dates of these petitions and what are the orders on each of them ;

(b) 1. was there any petition to the Diwan by the same individual for the same matter ;

2. if so, what action was taken on the matter ;

3. how much money was drawn as wages for Karkadagam 1103 on account of this Narayanan;

4. has he worked in the office before Karkadagam 1103 ;

5. was he paid;

6. are there thumb impressions on the receipts;

7. are the thumb impressions then taken the same as will be found in the Karkadagam disbursements ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Narayanan, son of Mani of Muringoor village, was not working in the Tramway Workshop from 16th Karkadagam 1103.

2. No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (a) 1 above.

3. No.

4. No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (a) 3 above.

(b) 1. Yes. There is one.

2. It is under enquiry.

3. No wages drawn on account of Muringoor Narayanan.

4. Yes.

5. Yes.

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6. No thumb impressions. Signature was taken since he is literate.

7. No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (b) 6 above.

Residence of Medical Officers.

29. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a rule that Medical Officers in charge of Hospitals, etc., where residential quarters are constructed should reside there during nights;

(b) (i) were any of these officers living elsewhere during nights during the last 2 years;

(ii) if so, who are such officers; and

(iii) was it done with the permission of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Government are not aware.

(ii) and (iii). In view of the above answer, no answer is called for on parts (ii) and (iii).

St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.

30. Mr. C. J. Mathew—Will the Government kindly state :—

(1) whether they are giving any aid to the sisters of the St. Teresa's Convent at Ernakulam, for conducting the only College for women in the State;

(2) whether they have been giving them building grants or any other grants and if so to what extent;

(3) whether they propose to give further grants to the poor sisters to complete the construction of the College buildings?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai—(1) and (2). Yes. A sum of Rs. 5,000 was paid in 1102 as building grant, and a sum of Rs. 1,000 and 50 candies of teak as donation in 1103.

(3) The question of further grant to the College is engaging the attention of Government.

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 4.*)

Statement showing the amounts that the Panchayat Department spends annually under Sanitation and Conservancy in the Narakkal Constituency.

		Rs.
Narakkal.		
One sweeper	..	96
10 lamps	....	165

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		Rs.
Pallippuram.		
4 sweepers	...	144
3 lamps	....	45
Edavanakkad.		
1 sweeper	...	72
Elangunnapuzha.		
1 sweeper	....	24

List of works executed by the Sanitary Department.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1095				
Improving the Narakkal market ground	...	90	4	0
1096				
Sinking a well in Nayarambalam	..	305	6	8
Pulaya Colony, Narakkal	...	1,000	0	0
1097				
Improving the burial ground at Azhikkal	...	402	6	2
Plastering the public well at Nayarambalam	..	54	2	5
Sinking a well in front of the fish curing yard at Narakkal	...	305	7	5
1098				
Plastering the parapet, platform, etc., of the well in front of the fish curing yard	...	68	11	11
Cement plastering the parapet of the Nayarambalam well	..	21	10	3
1099				
Constructing a culvert at the entrance of the Narakkal market	..	574	10	9
Repairing the market buildings in Narakkal	...	274	4	7
1100				
Constructing a revetment wall round the Narakkal market and levelling the ground	...	306	4	5
1101				
Constructing two temporary sheds in Narakkal market	...	85	8	0
Repairing the Narakkal shop building	..	107	8	0
1102				
Constructing the verandah of the shop building at Narakkal	..	49	8	0
Repairing and silt clearing the drainage canal in front of the Narakkal market	...	81	0	0
Do and re-thatching the market sheds at Narakkal	...	18	0	0
1103				
Repairing and re-thatching the tempporary shed at Narakkal market	..	30	0	0
Clearing silt and reepairing the canal in front of the Narakkal market	...	60	0	0
Repairs to the Narakkal market sheds	..	10	0	0
Constructing steps at the landing place in the Narakkal market	...	270	0	0

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APPENDIX. II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 5.)

Number	Names of systems	Name of the present owners	Area of lands irrigated			
			(1) Owners		(2) Other persons	
			A.	C.	A.	C.
1	Chettiar system	Mr. T. A. Kalyanakrishna Ayyar ,, R. S. Pachippa Koundan ,, R. S. Suppia Koundan ,, R. P. Chamiappa Koundan	230	00	60	00
2	Raghunatha Koundan system	Mr. Ayya Chidambara Koundan ,, Pirami Kandaswami do ,, Kumara Reghunatha do ,, Kanakappan Rayappa do	200	00	200	00
3	Angarath system	Mr. Angarath Sankunni Mannadiar	250	00	50	00
4	Pandithakaran system	Mr. T. A. Kalyanakrishna Ayyar ,, Anthony Muthu Enasu Rayar ,, Pachiya Pandithakaran ,, Vedanayakam Pandithakaran ,, Mariassussa Pandithakaran	224	00	100	00
5	Subbaiah Koundan system	Mr. Puthuveettil Chellappan Koundan	100	00	100	00
6	Poulose Soossa system	Mr. Chowriar Poulose Soossa Manikaran & his brothers ,, Arumuthasa Manikaran and Enasi Muthu Manikaran	200	00	330	00
7	Chondath system	Mr. Chondath Kittunni Mannadiar	10	00	20	00
8	Nanjammal system	Kulukappara Nanjammal, daughter of Karuppa Koundan and (2) Thankaprakasam, son of Ponnuswami	110	00	135	00
9	Appavu system	Enasurayer's son Arul Maria Silva and Pandithakaran Anthony Muthu's wife Chinnaduraiammal	70	00	140	00

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Number	Names of systems	Name of the present owners	Area of lands irrigated			
			(1) Owners		(2) Other persons	
			A.	C.	A.	C.
10	Bishop system	Roman Catholic Mission of Coimbatore	30	00	158	00
11	Sesha Ayyar's system	Seshan Lekshmanan Ayyar and five others	75	00	...	00
12	Vadasseri Manna-diar system	Vadasseri Ittichathra Manna-diar	1	41	57	38

APPENDIX III.

(*Vide Answer to Question No 13.*)

Gazette dated 21st Kanni 1104 (Medical Department)

NOTIFICATION.

Applications are invited from Medical Practitioners, who are Cochinites for charge of grant-in-aid dispensaries at Palanji and Kallettumkara. Applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 26th Kanni 1104. Further particulars can be had from the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, Ernakulam.

Notification.

Gazette dated 23rd Vrischigam 1104 (Medical Department).

The following Medical Practitioners are appointed for the grant-in-aid dispensaries in places noted against their names:—

Name of Medical Practitioner.	*Name of Dispensary.*
1. Mr. C. V. George, L. M. & S.	Palanji
2. Mr. V. P. Devassi, L. M. P.	Kumbalangi
3. Mr. P. K. Varkey, L. M. P.	Kallettumkara

APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 17.*)

Names of Marumakkathayam Nayar families registered as impartible under the provisions of the Cochin Nayar Regulation of 1095.

1. Thottungal Veettil Tarwad in Palluruthi muri, Punithura village, Cochin-Kanayannur-Taluk.
2. Ankarath Tarwad, Nalleppalli desom, Nalleppalli village, Chittur Taluk.
3. Patinjare Kunnath Tarwad do do do
4. Maniliveettil Tarwad, Tiruvazhiyad desom, Kairadi village, Chittur Taluk.
5. Vatakedath Tarwad, Kadavanthra desom, Ernakulam village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
6. Vadukoot Tarwad, Enkakkad village, Talappalli Taluk.
7. Perinjeri Veedu, Tattamangalam village, Chittur Taluk.
8. Cheranellur Kartha's Tarwad, Cheranellur village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
9. Kizhake Chittedath Veedu, Chittur village, Chittur Taluk.
10. Perumbady Veedu, Tattamangalam village, Chittur Taluk.

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11. Kanavillil Veedu, Chittur muri Cheranellur village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
12. Kunnanath Veedu, Chittur village, Chittur Taluk.
13. Nammanathiri Tarwad, Mulanturuthi village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
14. Kulakunnathu Kizhakke Kalathil Tarwad, Kondazhi village, Talappalli Taluk.
15. Muthalungat Valia Veettil Tarwad, Thonnurkara village, Talappalli Taluk.
16. Tiruthiyil Tarwad, Eravur desom, Nadamel village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
17. Alur Kanjingat Tarwad, Alur village, Talappalli Taluk.
18. Kuriyathikara Tarwad, Tiruvilluamala village, Talappalli Taluk.
19. Panangattukara Thommat Tarwad, Thekkumkara village, Talappalli Taluk.
20. Karumancheri Kizhakke Kollakai Tarwad, Pampadi village, Talappalli Taluk.
21. Kunnatheri Pallath Madhom Tarwad, Nellayi village, Mukundapuram Taluk,
22. Vatakke Vallath Patinjarai Tarwad, Vadakumpuram muri, Chennamangalam village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
23. Chirakkal Veedu in Kizhakke Chalakkudi village, Mukundapuram Taluk.
24. Maninila Veettil Tarwad, Kairadi village, Chittur Taluk.
25. Puthenveettil Tarwad in Thiruvazhiyad village, Chittur Taluk.
26. Chondath Tarwad, Nalleppalli village, Chittur Taluk.
27. Vellatheri Tarwad, Kattakampal village, Talappalli Taluk.
28. Thekke Anthur Tarwad, Vallanghi village, Chittur Taluk.
29. The Elamana Madhom Branch Tarwad, Nadamel Village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.
30. Kodakarai Thekke Bhavanam of Kairadi village, Chittur Taluk.
31. Kotakkatt Veedu, Nayarambalam desom, Nayarambalam village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

APPENDIX V.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 21.*)

(1)

Letter, dated 24th Meenam 1104, from Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja M. L. C., to the Government Advocate.

" Since I am told the Government will be able to expedite the business of amending the Tenancy Regulation if a committee is not appointed as stated by the Diwan in Council, I agree to the suggestion that the Government may draft the Bill and bring it before the Council at an early date. To this course, so far as I am aware, the land-holders will have no objection."

(2)

Letter, dated 24th Meenam 1104, from Mr. Thomas Manjuran, M. L. C., to the Government Advocate.

" If the Darbar cannot agree to the appointment of a committee, as resolved by the Legislative Council, for the consideration of amendments to the Tenancy Regulation, I am not for any other committee to draft an amending Bill and I shall be satisfied with an amending Bill to be introduced by the Government to the Council. I, of course, must insist that the fundamental principles underlying the Regulation II of 1090 should not in any case be interferred with.

I have reason to believe this is the view of the vast majority of the enants of the State."

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Motion regarding the retirement of Mr. P. Damodara Menon.

President.—There is a motion standing in the name of Mr. C. J. Mathew expressing the Council's sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. P. Damodara Menon.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I have very great pleasure to move that "*this Council expresses its most sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the State by Mr. P. Damodara Menon in different capacities, especially as acting Diwan of Cochin and as President of the Cochin Legislative Council. It also expresses its deep sense of indebtedness towards him.*"

Sir, Mr. Damodara Menon was one of the most trusted and reputed officers of His Highness the Maharaja. In him His Highness had profound faith and confidence. As Secretary to the Diwan, as Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness, as Commissioner of Devaswams, as Head of the Land Revenue Department and finally as Special Officer for Harbour and Railway, he discharged his duties in a most conscientious manner, to the entire satisfaction of everybody concerned. He is a true and loyal citizen of Cochin, and whenever he had occasion to deal with international questions of importance, especially questions connected with the Cochin Harbour and Railway, he champion ed the cause of the State in a most patriotic manner, and he left no stone unturned to safeguard and protect the interests of the State. Mr. Menon had the rare good fortune to study the art of administration under able statesmen like Sir A. R. Bannerji and Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar, and during last year this time, Sir, when he was appointed by the gracious pleasure of His Highness the Maharaja to act for you as Diwan of Cochin, it was this experience of the past that stood him in good stead. It is, therefore, only right and proper to recognise that his administration was marked with *honesty of purpose* and *imagination*, and the prompt and decisive steps he took to stamp out corruption from the State are still fresh in our memory. (*Hear, hear.*) Lastly, but not leastly, I may make mention of the fact that, as President of this House, he came in for our most sincere love, appreciation and approbation. It is enough to say that he was to us an *ideal* President.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to second the resolution. It was a very sore disappointment we felt that the usual extension given to officers was not given in a sufficient measure to Mr. P. Damodara Menon. As an officer of the State, he has served the State patriotically and honestly, and I believe he has discharged his duties in a way which the other officers of the State can very well take as a model. It

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may be that in his old age he wants to devote his leisure in order to better the economic and social conditions of the people of the State, and he has merited a well-earned rest. I join my friend in expressing my deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness towards Mr. P. Damodara Menon for his sincere and honest work which he has done both towards the State and to the people of this country.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I rise to support the motion. It is with much pleasure that I do so, especially under the present conditions of the Legislative Council. Mr. Damodara Menon, as a Member of this Council, from the very first sitting of the Council, had shown how the Government point of view could be presented without wounding the feelings of the non-official Members. That was the chief characteristic of Mr. Menon, and many of us here have to follow him in this matter.

Soon after Mr. Menon left the service of the State, I happened to read a Government Proceedings regarding a resolution passed by this Council. It was not happily worded, and I believe, if Mr. Menon were the Head of the Executive, he would not have passed such a Proceedings. He would certainly have objected to publish in the Government Gazette such a Proceedings.

As a President of this Council, Mr. Menon set a noble example. He did not make any distinction in the Legislative Council between the official and non-official Members and for this, I should say, the non-official Members have been asking for a long time. He availed himself of every opportunity to move very freely with the non-official Members. It is very important that official Heads and especially the Executive Head should do so and this can be done in more than one way. He once arranged a tea-party.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So, are you asking for a tea-party?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am not asking for it. I am only stating what he did.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Members should address the President.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I know the Rules of the Council. I know to do my work without any assistance from the Hon'ble Member.

To continue. I regret that the noble example set by Mr. Menon is not at present being followed.

It is usual, I understand, to publish an appreciative note when an officer, who has rendered meritorious service, retires, in the Government Gazette. But in the case of Mr. Menon, no

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such note was published. What is the reason for it? The Government should follow a consistent policy.

With these few words, I support the motion.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ. ഈ നിശ്ചയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നതിനു എനിക്കു അതിയായ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. മിസ്റ്റർ ദാമോദരമേനോൻ ഈ സഭയുടെ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടിന്റെ നിലയിൽ എല്ലാവർക്കും തൃപ്തികരമായ നിലക്കു പെരുമാറിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു എടുത്തുപറയേണ്ടതാണ്. പാർലിമെണ്ടുകളിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാർ പ്രസംഗിക്കാത്ത പ്രാസംഗികന്മാർ (സ്പീക്കർമാർ) ആണ്. അദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാർ നടപടിക്രമംസംബന്ധിച്ചുമാത്രമല്ലാതെ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ താങ്ങാൻ ഇടക്കിടക്കു കയറി സംസാരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് സഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ വിലയേറിയ സമയം വെറുതെ നഷ്ടമാകുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നതു. മിസ്റ്റർ ദാമോദരമേനോൻ ഈ തത്വം നല്ലപോലെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിരുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ഈ സഭയിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് മുമ്പും പിമ്പും തീർത്തിട്ടില്ലാത്തമാതിരി കാര്യങ്ങൾ തീർക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഭരണകാര്യങ്ങളിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനുള്ള യോഗ്യതകളെപ്പറ്റി എനിക്കു നല്ല നിശ്ചയമില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഉള്ള യോഗ്യതവെച്ചുംകൊണ്ടു എല്ലാജാതിക്കാരോടും മതക്കാരോടും തുല്യാനുകമ്പയോടുകൂടി പെരുമാറുന്ന ഗുണം അദ്ദേഹത്തിനുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. നാനാജാതിമതസ്ഥന്മാരടങ്ങിയ ഈ രാജ്യത്തിൽ ഈ ഗുണം ഭരണകർത്താക്കന്മാർക്കു പ്രത്യേകം ആവശ്യമാണ്.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I desire, in supporting this motion, to associate myself completely with what has been said with regard to Mr. Damodara Menon by all the previous speakers. I do not wish to say anything further.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I heartily wish to support the resolution. As the services rendered by Mr. Damodara Menon are all fresh in our minds, I do not propose to go in detail over them. But I wish to refer to the last work of his with which we are closely connected, namely, his acting Diwanship and his Presidentship over our deliberations in the last Budget Session. In connection with these it is no exaggeration to say that in that distinguished position he exhibited considerable sympathy and considerable tact in disposing of the several questions involved in the discussion of the budget. Another point which I wish to emphasise is that, I understand that, in the matter of the question of extension of the Railway, he has put up a strenuous fight to have the connection between Trichur and the Pollachi-Palghat line to be effected as early as possible. It is also seen, according to many, including Mr. Damodara Menon, that that connection is of paramount importance in more ways than one. If he has done this bit of duty here, I think, if nothing else has been

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done by him, it is sufficient to enforce from us our sincere gratitude for his services.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I also rise to associate myself with the sentiments that have been already expressed in this House with reference to Mr. Damodara Menon. Mr. Damodara Menon was an intimate friend, and we can only praise them when they are not present. Of all the Presidents that have presided in the Chair of this House, he happens to have been the Speaker that never spoke. That quality, as you are well aware of, Sir, we have been insisting in this House for carrying on the deliberations of this House in a satisfactory manner. Not that we object to the intervention of the Speaker, but we sometimes find that much of our valuable time is lost by the intervention of the speaker of the President or the House. It is for us to do the speaking, and we wish to emphasise that point very much, and we are, therefore, glad to testify that the one President who adhered to that is being warmly praised in the House.

From that point I pass on to the administrative side of Mr. Damodara Menon. Mr. Menon, though he was only a short time in the Chair of the Diwan, has nevertheless exhibited qualities which are indeed necessary for an administrator. In the present day, the old bureaucratic method of administration won't do. People won't take it lying down, and people would fight. People have got education, more knowledge and more information on subjects, and the old days, when they could be treated like children, are all over. It is now time to take note of the fact that the children of the old times are grown up to be bearded men, and they will not take things as in the days of old. That material fact, I am sorry to say, is being forgotten now-a-days to a large extent. Sir, we shall come back to these points later on. But, in a congratulatory resoluti on or motion, it is not necessary to go into those paths. Mr. Damodara Menon took note of the fact. I, therefore, have much pleasure in associating myself with all that has been said of Mr. Damodara Menon, of his good qualities of head and heart, and of the satisfactory way in which he has discharged his duties towards his Sovereign and his fellow-subjects, in this State. I hope Mr. Menon, in his retirement, will harness all his energies and thoughts for the benefit of his people and country.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Sir, as one who has been a colleague of Mr. Damodara Menon for a long time, one who has seen his work in the service of the State from the other side of the screen which is not so visible to the public outside, I wish to speak a few words to associate myself with the resolution which

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has been ably and well recommended to this House. Mr. Damodara Menon, I may say, joined service some time after I took up Government service. He rose up from the clerical branch to the position of the Head of office and to that of the Head of a Department. He was well conversant with all the work pertaining to the different Departments. There had been occasions and opportunities for him to do service to the people of the State as an independent Head of office as well as that of a Department. He has made use of these opportunities to the fullest extent, that the fragrance of his name and sweet memory is pervading throughout the land even this day. He abhorred sham and insincere protestations of service. He always appreciated and was not slow to reward good service both from subordinates and from the public at large. When it was ever brought to his notice that a subject of His Highness the Maharaja was the worse off by the action of even the biggest or the smallest officer of the State, his sympathy readily flowed to the persons who were afflicted and always the sympathy was accompanied by a desire to make amends. I shall not refer to anything pertaining to his occupying the Presidential Chair of this House. I need not refer to his adorning the office of the Head of the State. But I have risen to speak these few words because I feel I know Mr. Damodara Menon in different capacities much more than any of the other Members who have testified to his good qualities of head and heart and recommended the resolution to this House. With these observations I support the motion before the House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, I wish to associate myself with all that has been said of Mr. Menon by Hon'ble Members who preceded me, and I do not propose to give a category of all his good qualities. The fact that during the short span of a month he was able to earn for himself the name of the "People's Diwan" will testify to the various good qualities of head and heart possessed by Mr. Menon. I wish to bring to the notice of this House one observation which Mr. Menon happened to make when he happened to be the Diwan of the State. In connection with the question of the Diwan being the ex-officio President, I remember his having said that the Diwan being in the Chair he has got an advantageous position if only he will try to forget his Diwanship when he is in the Chair. The advantage, according to him, was that, instead of a non-official President of the House sending up the information contained in the deliberations of this House to the Diwan, he has got the additional advantage of getting information at first hand. But there is the rider attached to his statement,

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the Diwan has to forget the Diwanship when he is in the Chair. That observation merits consideration by all who happen to be in the President's Chair. One other thing that I wish to emphasise is that, as the Hon'ble Member for Cheruvirutti put it, the usual extension that has become the order of the day has not been extended to him in its full measure. It is certainly a deviation in the right line. He has been given back to his family in his advanced years. I only wish that the Government will keep to this deviation as far as the present sitting Members also are concerned and give them also back to their family without further extending their periods.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാനും അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ ദാമോദരമേനവന്റെ ഭരണം നാട്ടുകാർക്ക് എത്ര തൃപ്തിയും സന്തോഷവുമുള്ളവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഇവിടെ നടന്ന പ്രസംഗങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നുതന്നെ അറിയാം. ഓരോസമുദായത്തെ പ്രത്യേകമെടുത്തു നോക്കിയാലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണത്തെപ്പറ്റി സന്തോഷവും സംതൃപ്തിയുമാണുള്ളതെന്നു കാണിച്ചുതരുവാൻ മാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ എഴുനീറ്റതു. ഇതിൽ കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നും പറയേണ്ടതില്ല. ഞാനും പ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ്പ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നതു് മിസ്റ്റർ ദാമോദരമേനവൻ കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ പല ജോലികളും നോക്കിയിരുന്നപ്പോൾ അതാതുജോലികളിൽ കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സാമർത്ഥ്യത്തെ വിചാരിച്ചിട്ടല്ല. അദ്ദേഹം, ഈ സഭയുടെ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടിന്റെ സ്ഥിതിയിൽ ഏറ്റവും യോഗ്യമായ നിലയിലാണു് പെരുമാറിയിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഈ സ്ഥിതി വീണ്ടും കണ്ടെത്തുവാൻ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഞങ്ങൾ അന്നു കൊതിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണു് ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. പിന്നെ അദ്ദേഹം ദിവാൻജിയുടെ ജോലിയിൽനിന്നു ഒഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷവും ജാഗ്രതയോടെ ജോലി നോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നുള്ളതു് ഏറ്റവും ശ്ലാഘനീയംതന്നെ.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I am very glad to associate myself with all that has been said in praise of Mr. Damodara Menon by Members of this Council. I would wish also to point out an aspect which struck me, both when he was an officer of the Government and when he eventually became, for a brief period of a month, the Diwan of this State and the President of this House. He appeared to me to be of a very serene and detached disposition, capable of looking at matters with entire detachment and with regard only to their relation to the welfare of the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja. He seemed to me to be capable, outstandingly capable, out of the various Heads of Departments available, of speaking out boldly on matters about which he thought clearly. He never hesitated to give bold advice

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even where that advice might not have been palatable to the advised. That, I believe, is a quality which is very desirable from the point of view of the ruled and which I hope to find evinced more and more by responsible officers. His detachment was all the more remarkable when he presided over the deliberations of this House. He seemed to have it in mind, either as the result of conscious effort or as the result of a subconscious realisation, that he was the President of this House and nothing else at the time. I don't want to refer here, in this connection, to anybody else, or to the conduct of anybody else. My remarks are strictly and entirely limited to him, and I do not here draw any comparisons. When various Hon'ble Members stated that he gave entire satisfaction, I thought there was not the least exaggeration in the statement. I heartily endorse that statement. I have also reason to believe that his stoutness of heart has been of considerable help to our State when he was representing our State outside the State in matters connected with the Harbour. What fruits his endeavours have borne or will bear we have yet to see. Whatever it is, one feels pride to contemplate about the career of such a stout-hearted Cochinite. Let us hope that many more such we have now in our midst and many more we may yet get of that type. I take this opportunity, Sir, to endorse all that has been said about him and to support this resolution with as much heartiness as I can.

Question put: *That "this Council expresses its most sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the State by Mr. Damodara Menon in different capacities, especially as acting Diwan of Cochin and as President of the Cochin Legislative Council. It also expresses its deep sense of indebtedness towards him."*

Question put and unanimously agreed to.

Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098:—

Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1. Land Revenue. E.—Temporary Establishment	120	The renewal work in respect of the Oodupully lands could not be finished off during the first eight months for which a special staff was originally entertained and its term had to be extended till the end of the year.

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Items	Amount Rs.	Remarks
2. Agriculture and Panchayats.		
2. Farm Operations.		The budget allotment of Rs. 1,200 was found insufficient as increased expenditure had to be incurred owing to larger touring work done by the staff.
Travelling allowance.	600	
D. Veterinary Hospitals.		
Travelling allowance.	200	On account of the increased tours which the Veterinary staff had to perform consequent on the outbreak of cattle diseases in various places and partly due to the journeys of the Additional Veterinary Inspector, Trichur, to and from Madras in connection with his training at the Madras Veterinary College, the budget allotment of Rs. 1,000 was almost exhausted by the beginning of Mithunam 1104 and the additional allotment had to be sanctioned to meet the expenditure of the closing months.
3. Co-operative Societies.		
Travelling allowance.	1,300	On account of the journey of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and his peon to Simla to attend the Registrars' Conference and also due to the increased tours which the Registrar and his executive staff had to perform, the budget allotment of Rs. 4,200 was found insufficient for the year and the additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned.
Office Expenses.	50	To meet the increased expenditure on account of the purchase of office and despatch seals and also due to a general increase in the office requirements, an additional allotment was found urgently necessary.
Miscellaneous.	20	A warm clothing allowance of Rs. 20 was paid to the peon who accompanied the Registrar to Simla. This is an unusual expenditure which could not be anticipated and provided for in the budget and had to be sanctioned urgently.

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Items	Amount Rs.	Remarks
9. Forests. a. 1—Tramway transport charges.	1,23,000	It was decided to give credit to the Tramway Department for the timber transported by the Tramway on behalf of the Forest Department so as to gauge the exact financial position of the two Departments. The new system of accounts having been introduced from 1104 only, the necessary amount could not be provided in the budget thus necessitating the additional allotment.
13. General Administration. 4. Legislative Council— Travelling allowance.	2,500	Most of the travelling allowance bills of the Council Members relating to the Budget Session of 1103 were paid only in 1104. The Special Session held in Kanni 1104 also contributed to the increase. Hence the additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently to pay the pending bills.
25. Stationery & Printing. 2. Printing. Temporary Establishment.	700	To cope with the increased work in the Press consequent on the printing of Law Reports six compositors and one imposer had to be entertained temporarily.
32. Miscellaneous. 9. Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges.	10,000	The allotment has been sanctioned for flood relief operations rendered necessary by the recent devastating floods.
11. Jails.	CRANGANUR.	
(b) Diet of prisoners.	40	The enhanced grant was necessitated by the increase in the number of prisoners.

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Supplementary Grants.

1. 1—Land Revenue—Capital—Cranganur—Rs. 1,900.

President.—There are five demands for supplementary grants. The first stands in the name of the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,900 under '1—Land Revenue—Capital—Cranganur.' This amount is required for payment of compensation in certain decrees passed in favour of the Cranganur Estate by the British courts. Some tenants proved refractory and suits were instituted against them for recovery of their holdings. In these suits compensation has been decreed to be paid to the tenants. Without paying compensation, it is not possible to evict them. For this purpose we generally used to receive amounts as advances recoverable. But then there was some objection raised to the form in which this amount used to be drawn, and as per the suggestions made by the Comptroller of Accounts, a new head has been opened, viz., 'Land Revenue—Capital—Cranganur.' There is no fund available under the head and the decrees could not, therefore, be executed. I, therefore move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,900.

Question proposed: "*That the motion for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,900 under '1—Land Revenue—Capital—Cranganur' be granted*"

Question put and agreed to.

2. XIII—Education—Primary Education—Boys' Schools—Establishment—Cranganur—Rs. 1,600.

President.—The next is the demand by the Director of Public Instruction for Rs. 1,600.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,600 under 'Education—Boys' Schools—Cranganur.' There are two or three contributory causes for this additional expenditure. In the first place, owing to increase in strength in the Vernacular Schools in Cranganur, we had to open a few more divisions of classes and we had to appoint additional staff for the purpose. That is one item. Then, this House would remember that certain allowances were granted to menial servants in the State as well as in Cranganur. The pay of those menial servants whose pay was less than Rs. 10 has been raised to Rs. 10. We had a number of Quran teachers who were getting less pay than Rs. 10. The pay of all these low-paid servants has been raised. That could not be anticipated when the budget was framed That is another cause. In the course of the year we had to give grade promotions. We have different grades of teachers in the Malayalam Schools, and in course of time they have to be promoted—from the lowest to

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the second and from the second to the first. Some of these promotions took place in the course of the year. All these have contributed to the additional expenditure of Rs. 1,600 which now I ask the indulgence of this House to pass.

Question proposed: "*That an additional allotment of Rs. 1,600 under 'XIII—Education—Primary Education—Boys' Schools—Establishment—Cranganur' be granted by the House.*'

Question put and agreed to.

3. XI—Registration.—Rs. 2,243.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,243 under 'XI—Registration' as follows:—Rs. 2,018 under 'Establishment of District Registrars,' Rs. 100 under 'Temporary establishment' and Rs. 125 under 'T. A.' The increase in the first item is mainly due to the increase of pay of the menial staff, the same point as explained by the Director of Public Instruction just before, and it is also due to another cause, namely, the excess of leave allowance that had to be incurred over and above the five per cent allowance that is usually provided for in the budget. The temporary staff is the appointment of one clerk in the Nellayi Registry Office on a pay of Rs. 20. He was entertained from 1st Dhanu 1104, and hence the increase on this account must have been really Rs. 140; but Rs. 40 was met from savings under other sub-heads and so really only Rs. 100 is asked for. Then the last item, T. A. That is accounted for by the general transfer of District Registrars ordered in Edavam last. Therefore, due to these three different causes the total amount of Rs. 2,243 has to be asked for in this House at present. I may also add that all these items have been scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee.

Question proposed: '*That the additional allotment asked for be granted*'

Question put and agreed to.

4. XIV.—Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 460.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. I have just received from the office a communication to state that all my cut motions on the demand to be made on Thursday next have been disallowed. No reasons have been furnished for the same. I bring this matter early enough to the notice of the President, because there may not be time to have these printed at all. There is no Rule by which a cut motion of any nature can be disallowed. There is no Standing Order, no Rule and no section that gives the power to reject a cut motion whether for reasons stated or for no reason stated. All that we have to do is to send in the cut motion before 5 days.

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Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I rise to a point of order. I don't know whether this is the time to raise that point.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Certainly this is the time.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I address the President.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When I am on a point of order, there is no rule upon which another point of order can be raised.

President.—Demands are not finished.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I thought that the demands were over.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am glad be now realises his error.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 460 under 'XIV—Accounts and Finance —Temporary Establishment.'

While preparing the revised estimate, it was anticipated that, after duly taking into account all possible savings, an additional allotment of Rs. 613 would be required to meet the increased cost on account of the leave allowances for the Assistant Comptrollers and the extension of the term of the Special Officer for the preparation of the *Local Audit Manual* for three months besides the entertainment of two hands—one on Rs. 30 and the other on Rs. 25—for the special audit of the Amma Raja's Palace accounts for a period of four months and of an auditor on Rs. 35 for 3½ months in connection with the budget work. Since, however, the leave applied for by one of the Assistant Comptrollers could be granted only later than anticipated, the actual additional allotment required comes to only Rs. 460. I may also add that the extra cost on account of the audit of the Amma Raja's Palace accounts will be eventually recovered from that institution.

I request that the allotment applied for may be sanctioned.

Question proposed: "*That the additional allotment may be sanctioned by the House.*"

Question put and agreed to.

5. XV.—Law and Justice—E—Factories—Rs. 100.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under 'XV—Law and Justice —E Factories—T. A.' On 29th Edavam 1104 the expenditure under the head came to Rs. 748—14—0 as against the budget grant of Rs 750. Therefore, the balance left behind, Rs. 1—2—0, is very hardly sufficient to meet the needs. The excess expenditure is due to the greater inspection work on account of the increase in the number of factories and boilers. I may also add that this too has been scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee.

Question proposed: '*That the motion for the additional allotment of Rs. 100 be carried*".

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Question put and agreed to.

Point of order regarding the rejection of cut motions.

President.—With regard to your point of order, Mr. Salem. You sent your cut motions for being allowed by the President. The President has disallowed them. Is it a point you can raise in the Council ? Of course you can move the President again pointing out that this is wrong.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I say.

President.—That I did for certain reasons. You can just ask me. I shall tell you.

What I want to say is that the object of the cut motion must be pointed out so that I can consider whether it comes under the prohibitory subjects. That is all my point.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I suppose on former occasions for the last few years we have not been sending it, you can refer to the paper. If it can be shown, I shall resign from the Council and go.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What I wish to point out is, if the President has been called to act under the Rules, it would be quite all right. But here is an occasion for which I have searched all the Rules relating to these cut motions. There is no such possibility of disallowing cuts for any reasons stated. Last year, I had some cuts deleted because I stated some reasons, the discussion of which you thought cannot be permitted in this House. I accepted. After that I searched for the Rules. There is nothing in them to warrant the rejection. Only the votable items are coming for discussion. The reason may not stand or may stand. On a votable item, we do not want anybody's permission, not even the permission of the President, to cut it. If, in the discussion of a particular grant, I go into paths which are forbidden under the Rules of the House, the President can check. For stating a reason it cannot be rejected, for not stating a reason also it cannot be rejected, and that is clear. The only thing required is notice of five days. "If notice of a motion to omit or reduce any grant has not been given 5 clear days before the day on which the demand is to be considered, any Member may object to the moving of the motion, and such objection shall prevail, unless the President, in the exercise of his power to suspend the Rule, allows the motion to be made". That gives power to the President to allow a motion even without the five days' notice, *if any other Member objects*. To be on the safe side, we give the thing before five days. Under Rule 50, ' no motion for appropriation shall be made except on the recommendation of the Government. Motions may be moved at this stage to omit or reduce any grant or any item in a grant, but not to increase

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or alter the destination of grant." So that, nowhere in the whole Statute or in the Rules framed or in the Standing Orders put down is there any clause whereby a cut motion can be rejected under any circumstances. My point is, when a cut motion is tabled, under no circumstance can it be rejected. Suppose I wanted to discuss the Royal Family, even then you cannot reject it. You can say when the motion is taken up you cannot discuss the Family here. That is the only thing. My cut motion is here. My right of motion is here. Moreover, I could have given reasons. I got the budget only very late. For forms I had to come to the office. Not that I wanted to take them by surprise.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—We have not been doing it for the last so many years.

President.—The motion has no valid ground to support it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And probably when the cut motion is taken into consideration, of course it will be in the mouth of the Government Members to say that we cannot give you this information.

President.—On matters prohibited I can stop the discussion at any stage. What is the Rule?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.— Standing Order No. 71. "*The President shall have Power to regulate the conduct of business in the Council in all matters not provided for in the Regulation, the Rules or the Standing Orders.*"

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is printed there in the cut motion paper is neither a Rule nor a Standing Order. You may say that, if you want to have a full reply, you give us notice. You may give your answer like that. To say that the reason has not been noted on the motion is not the reason for disallowing the motion.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—But there is one thing that, in the case of motions that are not within the purview of the Council, they cannot be discussed. Such motions will not be admitted by the President.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—On no ground can a cut motion be rejected. It is the right of the Council to put cut motions. If we bring anything within the forbidden degree, it will be overruled.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—In the case of a similar motion on the last occasion, the same point was then considered and then the motion was not allowed. Even the reason was recorded on the back of the paper and the point was considered. The President ruled that it cannot be allowed to be discussed in the Council.

President.—Probably, you did not raise any objection.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—I did not raise any objection because there were so many motions, and it was superfluous to raise that. But to come forward with a communication tantamounting to a ruling will be rather a ruling which is not based on any Rule or Order.

President.—I think the proper course would be to stop it as it traverses the limits of the Council. That will be the proper way.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I request that those motions may be put down now, and if we wait, there will be no time for printing.

President.—The only thing is that the President must be on his guard regarding discussion.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Regarding the allowing of motions, of course, there are certain restrictions under which motions can be sent in and discussed in the Council. Now the point raised by the Member for Jews is that Members have got the right to send in cut motions even on forbidden subjects.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No.

President.—They don't say that. If, in the course of the discussion, they make reference to forbidden subjects, then it will be pointed out from the Chair and the Member asked not to speak on it.

Presentation of the Budget for 1105 M. E.

President.—The next item is the presentation of the budget for the year 1105 by the Finance Member.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, it has once more fallen to my lot to place before the Legislative Council the budget estimate for 1105 M. E. In order to have a clearer conception of the financial position, it has been customary—a very desirable custom, I think—to review the transactions of the past year the final figures of which have become available, and then, before dealing with the programme for the coming year, to examine, as far as is known to us, the transactions of the current year based on the figures for seven months which alone were available at the time of the preparation of these statements, but duly revised with reference to all known factors that may affect the figures for the last part of the year. With these as my background, I propose to give a general sketch of the salient features of the estimate of our resources for the coming year, the demands which our existing commitments will make upon those resources as also of the further demands on them consequent on the proposed expansion of the present activities and the new developments in various Departments which have all been incorporated in the budget estimate now before you. The memorandum which has already been circulated will, I venture to hope, give all further details and explanations that may be found necessary. If still there are any points on which more information or further

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elucidation is required, I might assure the House that my services are entirely at their disposal and I shall only be too glad to render whatever assistance that is required of me in this direction.

Accounts of 1103.

Though the budget estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1103, viz., Rs. 74,68,900 and Rs. 72,75,800 were expected to result in a surplus of Rs. 1,93,100 only, the actual transactions of the year, however, resulted in an increased surplus of Rs. 19,10,165, the total revenue and expenditure having been Rs. 86,24,293 and Rs. 67,14,128 respectively, thus showing an improvement of Rs. 17,17,065 in the surplus which was more or less anticipated when reviewing the revised estimates of 1103 at this time last year. I then said: "According to the revised estimates, the total revenue is fixed at Rs. 83,77,500 and the total expenditure is expected to be Rs. 71,83,600 thus raising the anticipated surplus to Rs. 11,93,900". The enhanced revenue was mainly brought about by the increase from 'Customs' under the Interportal Trade Convention, under 'Interest' owing to the collection of arrears and under 'Railway' on account of the increased traffic, while the fall from the anticipated expenditure was chiefly due to the fact that for several reasons the full budgetted programme of works could not be carried out in either the Agriculture and Panchayat or the Forests or the Public Works Departments. Other Departments also contributed to this decrease and I do not think it is necessary to dilate on this topic much further.

The State had, at the end of the year, a net asset of Rs. 75,81,753 after making due provision for all liabilities as against Rs. 56,71,588 at the beginning of the year. There were no loans outstanding at the beginning of the year nor were any fresh loans raised in the course of the year.

With these preliminary observations let me turn to the working of the current year.

Revised estimates of 1104.

The budget of the year, which is fast coming to a close, was framed on the expectation of realising a revenue of Rs. 77,06,200 and it provided for an aggregate expenditure of Rs. 74,16,400 leaving a surplus of Rs. 2,89,800. It is a matter for satisfaction that the revised estimate shows an improvement of Rs. 10,82,200 in revenue, the total revenue which is expected to be realised by the end of the year being Rs. 87,88,400. An increase in expenditure of Rs. 91,800 is, on the other hand, anticipated thus raising the total disbursements to Rs. 75,08,200.

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The year is thus expected to close with a surplus of Rs.12,80,200, i. e., Rs. 9,90,400 more than that anticipated at the time of the budget.

Receipts.

The main heads that go to contribute to the larger anticipated revenue are 'Customs', 'Railway', 'Forests' and 'Tramway'. In fixing the revenue under 'Customs' at Rs.9,00,000 for the current year I observed:—"One cannot safely forecast whether the record receipt under 'Customs' which we have been able to realise in the current year would repeat itself next year and I am also positive that all of you will agree with me in thinking that it is hazardous to over-estimate receipts. We have, therefore, fixed the anticipated revenue under 'Customs' at Rs. 9 lakhs based more or less on the actuals of the last financial year as against Rs. 15,41,601 realised during the current year". That our fear was not altogether unfounded has been established by the fact that the realisation of this year has fallen by about a lakh of rupees though not to that extent we feared. Thus, against the actuals of Rs. 15,41,600 in 1103, we have been able to get only Rs. 14,43,700 in the current year under the Interportal Trade Convention—which, however, is in excess of our budget estimate by Rs. 5,43,700. 'Railway' is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 1,70,000 over the budget estimate of Rs. 12,30,000 chiefly on account of the increase in traffic. 'Forests' come next with an increased revenue of Rs. 6,65,300 thus exceeding the budget estimate of Rs. 5,22,200 by Rs. 1,43,100 mainly on account of the higher amounts fetched in the auction sale of forest growths from exclusions, etc. Under 'Tramway' an increase in revenue of Rs. 1,28,000 over the budget estimate of Rs. 15,000 is anticipated due mainly to the adjustment of the transport charges of timber carried for the Forest Department under the new system of accounting. A word of explanation on this may, I think, be not out of place. Till now, no such credit was being made so that to all appearances it would seem to a casual observer that the Tramway, which has to be considered as a mere commercial proposition, was bringing in only a poor revenue of a few thousands while it cost on an average more than a lakh of rupees for its very maintenance. It has been the practice of all Departments doing work for other Departments to get the necessary credit in their accounts for the works done to other Departments by adjustment ; the Forest Department alone was giving no such credit to its sister Department for the transport of timber brought down on its behalf. If it was a private agency that was bringing down timber for the Forest Department, it

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would certainly have to be paid the required charges,and hence it is but doing justice to the Tramway Department to credit it with the charges on account of the timber transported for the Forest Department just as in the case of any private body, but with this difference that here the amount need only be debited and credited to the respective accounts by a mere book adjustment instead of in cash. The position has, I hope, nowbecome clear. On account of the higher amounts fetched by the sale of lands, larger revenue from fisheries, etc., an increase in revenue of Rs. 35,500 is expected under 'Land Revenue' over the budget estimate of Rs. 12,09,100, while, on account of increased collections, 'Abkari and Ganja' is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 36,200 over the budget estimate. Again, the revised estimate under 'Public Works' is anticipated to exceed the budget estimate of Rs. 1,93,400 by Rs. 30,600 mainly due to the increased receipt under 'Tolls'. Against these increases falls in revenue are also expected under a few heads like 'Education', 'Interest', 'Tobacco', etc., the reasons for which have been explained in the memorandum. I think that it is hardly necessary to go over the same ground by a repetition of the same here.

Disbursements.

Owing to the strict control exercised over expenditure, it is a matter for congratulation that the demands for supplementary grants have been few this year and that the total expenditure, as already stated, is not expected to exceed the budget provision by more than Rs. 91,800 according to the revised estimate which is a forecast, pure and simple, and which after all may not go to that amount when the actuals come.

Foremost among the heads showing substantial rise in expenditure comes 'Forests' with an increase of Rs. 1,05,900 over the budget estimate of Rs. 2,16,900 mainly due to the provision for the transport charges of timber by Tramway for adjustment to that head which has already been explained in detail above. 'Miscellaneous' comes next with an increase of Rs. 44,600 over the budget estimate of Rs. 87,300 on account of the larger expenditure under 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 'Entertainment of State Guests' as also due to the appointment of a Special Officer and staff for Harbour and Railways besides the recent flood relief operations for which a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned under 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges'. The appointment of the Special Officer for Harbour, etc., terminated at the beginning of Edavam last and most of the staff excepting a clerk and a peon disbanded. Though our State has always been a favoured daughter of Nature,

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it is sorry to contemplate that she has been seriously afflicted by floods once more and that, so soon after the unprecedented calamity of 1099. The inundation of our rivers, the breach along the railway line, the dislocation of communication between the northern and the southern parts of the State, the submersion of houses and crops under water with the consequent distress and the veritable deluge that descended for three or four days during the early part of the last month—all these at one time seemed to recall the sad memories of 1099, and it was feared that the calamity would again be repeated; but, thanks to that same Benign Power, no serious catastrophe has befallen us this time. However, relief measures as supply of food and shelter to all those in distress were promptly attended to by Government and an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 has been separately set apart for the purpose. Government are also taking steps to avoid such calamities, if possible, or at least, to minimise the effects thereof. Under 'Charities' the revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 96,500 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 52,600 mainly on account of the contribution for water supply made in accordance with His Highness's birthday announcement. The special allotment of Rs. 50,000 granted for the purpose by His Gracious Highness our Maharaja has been so distributed as to see that water supply is made in all places where scarcity was being keenly felt. It had been a standing grievance that the Trichur Town was suffering on this account during the hot weather—a grievance that had often found its echo in the Council Chamber also. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was, therefore, allotted for the supply of drinking water to this town and with what conspicuous success the problem which has been baffling successive experts and administrators was solved in no time, as in the case of Nemmara, by our energetic Member for 'Public Works' is too well known to you all. The Ayilur village was the next locality where water scarcity was being keenly felt and a sum of Rs. 10,000 was set apart for this. Out of the balance of Rs. 15,000, a sum of Rs. 5,000 was specially allotted for water supply among the depressed classes and the remaining among the Panchayats—with a special reference to Tiruvilluamala. Another head showing notable increase over the budget allotment is 'Uplift of the Depressed Classes' the revised estimate under which is fixed at Rs. 17,800 more than that in the budget estimate (Rs. 55,500) due to the high acquisition charges for the lands required for some colonies, increased grants-in-aid and cost of feeding Pulaya pupils, construction of a larger number of Bhajana Mutts, etc. Against these increases, there are a few heads estimating

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appreciable decreases, the most notable among which is 'Public Works ' which anticipates a saving of Rs. 1,07,200 out of the budget allotment of Rs. 14,30,000 chiefly due to the non-utilisation of a large portion of the amount provided under 'Irrigation.' 'Education' too anticipates a decrease in expenditure of Rs. 20,800 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 13,09,200 mainly on account of savings under ' Establishment '.

To sum up—the improvement in the revenue position to which I have already alluded and the vigilant control exercised over expenditure will, it is anticipated according to our revised estimates, leave us with a surplus of Rs. 12,80,200 as against Rs. 2,89,800 expected at the time of preparing the budget estimates for the current year.

Budget estimates of 1105.

From this vantage point, I shall now proceed to consider our anticipations of revenue for the coming year and the manner in which we propose to utilise them for the public services. Based, of course, on the assumption that such vicissitudes of Nature as the floods that threatened us in the current year would not repeat themselves so as to affect our revenue or expenditure next year, we are budgetting for a revenue of Rs. 86,09,100 and an expenditure of Rs. 85,36,000 which would leave us a small surplus of Rs. 73,100 at the close of the year. As compared with the revised estimate, the revenue, no doubt, shows a decrease of Rs. 1,79,300 and the reasons for the same will be explained in the proper place. The expenditure, on the other hand, is fixed at Rs. 10,27,800 more than that in the revised estimate of the current year to meet all the possible requirements of the people.

Receipts.

Coming to details—As already explained by me before, I think it would not be proper to follow the revised estimate of the current year in fixing the budget estimate under 'Customs' in the face of the fall in the amount realised during the year as compared with that of the previous year. It has, therefore, been fixed at Rs. 12,00,000 based on the average of the realisations during these three years. Under ' Railway ' the budget estimate has been fixed at Rs. 13,00,000 based, more or less, on the actuals of the previous year as against the revised estimate of Rs. 14,00,000 in the current year. ' Land Revenue ' anticipates a decrease of Rs. 22,500 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 12,44,600 ; the special circumstances under which the increase was anticipated in the revised estimate have already been explained. Similarly, under ' Forests', also a fall in revenue of Rs. 56,500 from the revised estimate of

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Rs. 6,65,300 is expected, the increase in the latter having been due to special circumstances already explained. 'Salt' is still another head which exhibits a decrease of Rs. 15,600 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 5,74,000—on the basis of the average of the actuals of the previous years.

Against these decreases, we are anticipating appreciable increases chiefly under 'Abkari and Ganja', 'Tobacco', 'Interest' and 'Scientific, etc., Departments'. Mainly on account of the higher bids at the auction sales of the arrack and toddy shops as also of the tobacco shops, the receipts under 'Abkari and Ganja' and 'Tobacco' are expected to amount to Rs. 12,54,600 and Rs. 3,14,900 respectively as against the revised estimate figures of Rs. 11,39,100 and Rs. 2,65,700 under these heads. Based on the actual investments, the receipts under 'Interest' have been fixed at Rs. 2,93,200 while from 'Scientific, etc., Departments' an increased return of Rs. 19,000 over the revised estimate of Rs. 7,200 is anticipated due to the fact that manufacture on a larger scale is proposed to be undertaken next year in the Stoneware Factory. The House will be glad to hear that the tiles and bricks even now manufactured in the factory are found to be much superior and there is much demand for them already. It is also possible to manufacture on a large scale china-ware, inkstands, jars, etc.

Disbursements.

I shall now turn to our estimates of expenditure for the coming year. In doing so, I may state for the information of the House that while framing our estimates we first take into account the expenditure necessary to meet all commitments against existing establishments, as also the additional expenditure required to bring to completion or advance to a further stage schemes of departmental development already sanctioned by the Council in connection with the budgets of the current and previous years and it is only then that we consider what new commitments arising out of departmental proposals can be undertaken with due regard to the resources of our disposal. A list of such important items has been separately noted in my memorandum.

Land Revenue.—Only the usual provisions are made in the Land Revenue Department and the items that call for any special comment are those under 'Temporary Establishment.' The renewal of the Oodupilli lands is not yet complete, and the services of a Menon may be required for the whole year to complete the work. All the graduate clerks in the Department trained in survey have been absorbed in the cadre of Revenue Inspectors and it is found necessary that some more graduate

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clerks in the Department are got trained so that there may not be dearth of trained hands when vacancies arise. Hence the provision of Rs. 500 towards the pay of the proposed hand when under training. The provision of Rs. 5,000 made in the current year for sending suitable candidates for training in Pisciculture, etc., could not be utilised during the year owing to certain unavoidable circumstances and the same is, therefore, repeated. Owing to the large number of agricultural loan applications and land acquisition cases, the entertainment of an additional clerk was found quite necessary in the office of the Diwan Peishkar, and it was sanctioned during the course of the year. It is to provide for the pay of this hand on Rs. 45 for 6 months that a provision of Rs. 270 has been made in both the revised and the budget estimates together. The necessity for the training of clerks in Treasury and Account work to take the place of Samprathies when vacancies arise is so obvious that I deem no further explanation necessary for the provision of Rs. 300 made therefor.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The full complement of the Inspectors with the return of all the Darbar scholarship-holders in the Agricultural College at Poona, the provision for the equipment of the Laboratory which was often referred to in the Council, additional contribution to the Village Panchayats—these are some of the features of this budget for the coming year. The usual provision of Rs. 4,000 has also been made for holding an exhibition—this time at Chittur.

Co-operative.—With the sustained increase in the number of Co-operative Societies as also in membership and capital and with the wider appreciation of the benefits of the movement shown by the depressed classes, it is found necessary to continue the temporary establishment of inspectors and clerks for the coming year. A special Co-operative Inspector for the depressed classes has also been appointed to supervise the work of the Societies for them as also for the dissemination of the benefits of co-operation to a larger extent among them. To have closer supervision over the Societies it is proposed to form supervising unions as in Travancore. For the coming year four such unions are proposed to be given grants to start with. It is also proposed to get trained the senior clerks of the Department in the Institute at Madras so that there may be duly trained hands when vacancies occur in the Inspectorate and hence the provision of Rs. 500 for the purpose. One of the hands in the Department has already been deputed for the proposed training in order to enable him to join the Institution in time.

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Forests.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 3,22,800, the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 3,75,800, thus exceeding the former by Rs. 53,000. This increase is mainly contributed by the more extensive operations anticipated next year and the provision made for sending two students for training in Forestry to Dehra Dun in the coming year.

Last year, when speaking about the question of the continuance of the Tramway I had occasion to observe that the Government were considering the question of conducting a careful reconnoitring survey of the areas tapped by the Tramway to fully explore the possibility of the existence of any more valuable species of timber. The survey was accordingly conducted in the course of the year and the interim report of the Special Officer appointed for the purpose is now in the hands of the Government. In the course of his long report the Special Officer points out: "Trees estimated to yield 50,000 candies of exploitable timber of which 28,000 are teak and rose-wood and the rest superior jungle-wood have already been numbered and listed and with this quantity there is not likely to be much difficulty in maintaining the Tramway at a decided profit for the next four or five years provided there is no big fall in the price of timber. In the course of that period the reconnoitring and estimation of the possibility of the whole area tappable by the existing Tramway or its possible extension may be undertaken and preliminary working plan prepared which would automatically solve the problem of the Tramway, at least as far as the Forest Department is concerned. The period of certainty regarding profitable working of the Tramway in the immediate future, which may now be taken as four or five years on the basis of the results of listing so far done, may still further be prolonged by arranging for the continuance of listing work as a normal part of the routine of the O. W. C. staff. Generally speaking, the net result of the present work may be considered to be that, while it helps to provide for the requirements of the immediate future, it affords time for further investigation of all the aspects of the question before arriving at a final decision on the basis of well-ascertained data". I have quoted the conclusion *in extenso* so that the House may be in possession of the full facts of the case. The report has been received only very lately and the Government have not passed any orders; but, based on the conclusions of the reconnoitring officer, provision has been made for the continuance of the Tramway and for the purchase of the essential locomotives, etc., for its maintenance.

General Administration.—The only remark that has to be offered is that provision has been made for the continuance

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of the special clerk and typist lent to the Merry Lodge Palace for compiling old records under 'Huzur—Temporary Establishment'.

Accounts and Finance.—The provision that may require a word of explanation is that for the appointment of a Special Officer for compiling Departmental Account Codes. We have now no codes or rules relating to the various accounts and registers to be maintained in many of the offices subject to local audit for the guidance of the officers themselves, e. g., the Hospitals, the Stables, Palace Funds, the College, the Hostels, the Trade Schools, etc., etc. The maintenance of accounts in these offices is now based on departmental orders altered by instructions in the local audit reports and orders thereon. It need hardly be said that such a state of affairs is not quite satisfactory and that it is very desirable to have these rules codified. It is mainly for this that provision has been made for the deputation of an officer for a period of six months. The temporary establishment sanctioned last year is also proposed to be continued during the coming year.

Jails.—With due regard to the representations made in this House, it might be remembered that a Jail Committee composed of officials and non-officials was appointed by the Government, and the House must have been aware by this time of their valuable recommendations published in the Gazette lately. Most of their suggestions have been accepted by the Government and to give effect to them a lump provision of Rs. 3,000 has been made in the budget estimate for 1105. It is not possible at present to furnish the details of the amount required since they have not as yet been worked up to.

Police.—During successive sessions of the Council representations and motions have been made for the appointment of a special staff for the control of bus traffic and issue of brake certificates. Government have been considering the question and a lump provision of Rs. 4,000 is made for appointing the necessary staff consisting of a Traffic Inspector on a decent pay assisted by a Sub-Inspector, a clerk, etc. The details have not been worked out as yet. We recognise that with nearly 300 buses plying in the State it is high time to organise the staff for which this provision is proposed to be utilised. In this connection, I may also point out that necessary funds for this purpose will be forthcoming from the brake certificate fees alone which was till lately being wholly appropriated by the Commissioner of Police. It has now been ordered to be credited to the State.

Another fresh item for which provision has been made is for the appointment of two probationary Sub-Inspectors. Since the

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combined training of the first batch of Sub-Inspectors in 1083 there has been no systematic training of suitable men for Sub-Inspectors' places in our State. Men have been taken in individually as vacancies arise and sent out after a course of perfunctory training or picked Head Constables have been promoted as Sub-Inspectors without any additional training. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that our men are, therefore, handicapped in the proper application of their intelligence by the absence of a course of systematic training in the theory and practice of up-to-date branches of police work. Government consider that, in these circumstances, it is desirable to have a reserve of trained young graduates to take the places of the Sub-Inspectors in the field as vacancies arise. Hence the provision of Rs. 960 for the two probationary Sub-Inspectors.

Education.—As compared with the revived estimate of Rs. 12,88,400, the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 13,70,000 thus exceeding the former by Rs. 81,600. Of this, an increase of Rs. 25,000 is contributed by enhanced grants-in aid—Rs. 6,000 being for the St. Thomas' and St. Teresa's Colleges; an excess of Rs. 7,000 is towards 'Special stipends and scholarships' for the training of a few lady graduates in house-keeping and nursing as also in physical training; a special additional provision of Rs. 4,000 is made under 'College' to provide for the increased staff to meet the demands of the larger number of admissions during the year on account of which an additional fee income of Rs. 5,000 is estimated; another lump provision of Rs. 3,600 is made towards the pay of the staff and the equipment of the language department which is proposed to be separately organised; again, for additional divisions and classes a provision of Rs. 9,000 has been made to meet the growing demands. The balance in the increase is towards the accrual of increments, etc.

Medical.—Enhanced provision for the purchase of medicines as compared with the usual allotment of Rs. 75,000 for the growing demands of the public, the full provision for the entertainment of all the nurses and servants for the paywards, etc., who were not entertained in the current year pending the construction of the necessary buildings, the extension of the system of the rural dispensaries to three more rural areas, the proposed transfer of the Leper Asylum to the new buildings at Adur—these are some of the prominent features of the Medical budget for 1105. Besides the hands provided for last year under 'Temporary Establishment', provision is also made for a store-clerk and two packers entertained in the course of the year for the work of clearing and distribution by departmental agency the medicines got down from leading European Firms in accordance with the views expressed in the Council. This

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was found to be more economic than entrusting the work to private agencies on commission. Further, the services of the clerk would be of help in carrying on correspondence for the purchase of stores, in keeping accounts, packing and distributing goods from the reserve stock, etc. Their services are at present non-pensionable. To meet the increased work in the office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, an additional clerk on Rs. 25 has also been temporarily sanctioned in the course of the year. Provision has been made for the continuance of the post in 1105.

Sanitation and Conservancy.—A noticeable feature of the budget estimate under this head for the ensuing year is the increased provision made for the 'Town Improvement Works' in Municipalities. Government have been considering whether it would not be a step in the right direction if the maintenance of the trunk roads under Municipalities be taken over by the State Public Works Department instead of burdening the Municipalities with the expenditure therefor, and they have now decided to take them over. The details of the scheme have not been decided on and it will be done in consultation with the Chairmen of the Municipalities concerned.

Public Works.—The budget estimate for the next year is fixed at Rs. 18,22,900, as against the revised estimate of Rs. 13,22,800, the provisions under 'Civil Engineering' and 'Mechanical Engineering' being Rs. 15,47,800 and Rs. 2,75,100 respectively. For 'Communications' a sum of Rs. 4,61,659 is set apart, and this includes provision for opening several new roads and for investigations in connection with the Hydro-electric Scheme. This latter scheme had been engaging the attention of an ex-Diwan, Mr. Bhore, and the Government consider it desirable to make a further investigation in the matter which, if attended with success, will be of lasting benefit to the State and the people in several directions. More about this, my friend, the Member for 'Public Works', will explain when his turn comes. 'Buildings' take up an allotment of Rs 7,35,431, the large increase under the head as compared with the revised estimate of the current year being chiefly due to a lump provision of Rs. 3,00,000 made for shifting the Maharaja's College to Anappara. The several works proposed to be taken up being detailed in the Appendix to the budget, I do not consider it necessary to make any remarks here explaining the allotment. The provision of Rs. 1,54,884 made under 'Irrigation' includes a lump allotment of Rs. 14,000 for investigation of irrigation projects in the State.

Under 'Mecqanical and Electrical Engineering' provision has been made for the original works in the 3rd stage of the

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Mattancheri Water Works. Special mention may also be made of the Trichur Water Supply and the Ayilur Water Supply schemes for which provisions of Rs. 30,000 and Rs.8,000 respectively have been made.

Scientific, etc., Departments.—The budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 37,500 over the revised estimate of Rs. 1,24,900, the main increase being under 'Industries' due to the provision of Rs. 25,000 made for Workshop equipment in the G. T. School, Trichur. This as well as the other variations have been explained in the memorandum furnished with the budget estimate and I shall not take up more time on this at present.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—An increased provision of Rs. 11,500 has been made as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 73,300. For the organisation of co-operative societies among the depressed classes and for their effective supervision a full-time Co-operative Inspector has been appointed as already explained when dealing with the Co-operative Department; additional allotment is made under water-supply; provision has been made for opening additional divisions and classes; increased allotment has also been provided for aiding new schools specially intended for our depressed brethren.

Miscellaneous.—Passing on, I come to the last head of expenditure, viz., 'Miscellaneous' the budget under which is fixed at Rs. 3,58,400 thus exceeding the revised estimate by Rs. 2,26,500. This large increase is due to the enhanced provision made under 'Entertainment of State Guests' towards the expenses in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and the lump provision of Rs. 2,50,000 made for the re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee. The scrutiny of the report in the light of the recommendations made by the Council during the Special Session has almost been completed and it is hoped to effect the reorganisations during the early part of next year.

Our Surplus.—I am afraid, there is a strong impression gaining ground that the State is now on a mistaken policy of hoarding surpluses instead of utilising them for useful public activities in connection with the development of irrigation, industries, etc. Though to a casual observer the net surplus of Rs. 88·62 lakhs anticipated at the end of the current year may appear a huge and unnecessary one displaying bankruptcy of statesmanship, I am certain that a careful student of the State finances will, on going into the question a little deeper, find to his surprise that this is after all a surplus on books and that it

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does not represent the liquid surplus—a large portion of it being not readily realisable and not, therefore, capable of being utilised for any immediate purpose. A sum of Rs. 12.47 lakhs, for instance, represents the amount spent by the Darbar towards the reclamation charges, etc., in connection with the Harbour which is being treated by the Darbar as a sort of investment in 'capital'. Again, a sum of Rs. 14·00 lakhs is invested either in loans to indigenous industrial concerns or in long-term securities, and there are no means of recovering the same against any immediate demands. The treasury transactions of the State require not less than Rs. 15·00 lakhs at all times to be kept in our treasuries and this is met from the general surplus. Another sum of about Rs. 10·00 lakhs out of the surplus remains always sunk in advances for various departmental purposes such as agricultural and industrial advances, palace advances, advances for the purchase of opium and ganja, etc. What is thus left out of the general surplus for utilisation for any useful schemes is only Rs. 37·15 lakhs as I shall presently show:—

General surplus	...	Rs. 88·62	lakhs.
Sunk in Harbour	..	,, 12·47	do
Long-term investments	..	,, 14·00	do
Treasury requirements	..	,, 15·00	do
Departmental advances	...	,, 10·00	do
Total	...	51·47	do
Net balance	...	37·15	do

For the Venduruthi reclamation alone in connection with the development of the Cochin Harbour the Darbar have to pay according to agreement for an area of about 250 acres at the rate of Rs. 15,000 per acre or about Rs. 37·50 lakhs in all. So far, only a sum of Rs. 9 lakhs odd has been paid for this purpose and more than 28 lakhs of rupees which may be required at any time during the next year or two for reclamation charges alone has to be met from the net amount of Rs. 37·15 lakhs referred to above. Thus, after meeting the cost of reclamation to be borne by the Darbar as per the agreement, there will scarcely be anything left out of the present State surplus.

I feel confident that the above figures will speak for themselves; I am equally aware that in saying this I am laying myself open to a charge that the cost of such reproductive works as the Harbour must be met by loans—that works which our posterity will enjoy must be paid for by them. Accepting the soundness of the maxim, may I ask whether we will be able to raise a loan

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of nearly a crore of rupees which may be required in the near future—Rs. 30 lakhs or more for the Harbour and Rs. 60 lakhs for financing the conversion of our Railway into broad-gauge? I have my own doubts in the matter and I hope that many of my friends on the opposite side will agree with me in thinking that it is safer to go in for a loan only for financing the latter. In these circumstances I do not know how the Government can rightly be blamed for having this surplus at their hands. On the other hand, we are open to a criticism, and rightly too, that we are not building a reserve to the extent of an year's income to be drawn upon on emergencies only as is done in other progressive sister States. The balance at our disposal, as already explained, could not admit of this at present, but, with your hearty co-operation, the Government may be able to build up one with the present amounts in long-term securities, etc., as a nucleus.

Cranganur.

Sir,

I have done with the State Budget, and before I close, a few words about the Cranganur Budget also.

In 1103, according to the revised estimate, we anticipated a receipt of Rs. 1,93,230 and an expenditure of Rs. 1,92,960 thus resulting in a surplus of Rs. 270 only. The actual transactions, however, resulted in a surplus of Rs. 15,782 due to an increase in revenue over the revised estimate by Rs. 4,550 and a decrease in expenditure by Rs. 10,962. The heads that chiefly contributed to the increase in revenue were 'Stamps' and 'Opium' while the heads mainly responsible for the fall in expenditure were 'Agriculture and Panchayats', 'Medical' and 'Public Works'.

For the current year we budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 1,97,840 and an expenditure of Rs. 1,93,080 thus expecting a surplus of Rs. 4,760. Though the revised estimate anticipates an improvement of Rs. 570 in revenue, the expenditure is expected to exceed the budget estimate by Rs. 7,600 thus converting the anticipated surplus of Rs. 4,760 into a deficit of Rs. 2,270. The increase in revenue is too small to call for any remarks. The heads mainly responsible for the increase in expenditure are 'Land Revenue', 'Education', 'Public Works' and 'Miscellaneous.' The increase under 'Land Revenue' is chiefly due to an expenditure of Rs. 1,900 under 'Capital' being the value of certain improvements that had to be paid on some estate properties and that under 'Education' to the opening of additional divisions of classes and the increase of pay to the menials. Under 'Public Works' the increase is due to silt clearing and deepening a public tank and as for 'Miscellaneous' the grant of special allow-

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ance to the low-paid subordinates accounts for the increase thereunder.

The budget estimate of receipts for 1105 is fixed at Rs. 1,99,640 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,98,410 the increase anticipated being under 'Interest' based on the actual investments.

The expenditure for the next year is fixed at Rs. 2,03,980 which is in excess of the revised estimate by Rs. 3,300, the heads mainly responsible for the increase being 'Agriculture and Panchayats' and 'Miscellaneous'. The increase under the former is due to the larger provisions made under 'Communications' and 'Water supply' and the increase under 'Miscellaneous' to the lump provision made for the re-organisation of the Departments following that made in the State Budget. According to the budget estimate, the transactions of the year are expected to result in a deficit of Rs. 4,340. The finances of Cranganur have been for the past few years causing great anxiety to the Government. The sources of the revenues of the Principality are inelastic in their nature, and it is with the greatest difficulty that the Government have been keeping the expenditure within the income. In framing the revised estimate for the current year, and the budget for the coming year, it has not been possible to avoid a deficit, much as the Government would have liked to do it, with due regard to the growing demands of the several Departments. However, the revised and budget estimates are only anticipations and it remains to be seen how the actuals work out.

The year 1105 is expected to close with a net asset of Rs. 3,15,357 to the credit of the Principality as against Rs. 3,25,967 according to the actuals of 1103 and Rs. 3,22,697 as per the revised estimate of 1104.

Conclusion.

Sir, I have now given to the House all the secrets of the budget of 1105. It may not be a spectacular budget, but it cannot be denied that it is a budget which again provides for a considerable measure of progress in all directions affecting the welfare of the people—under Agriculture and Panchayats, Co-operation, Education, Medicine, Public Works, Industries, Uplift of the Depressed Classes, etc. Government are not unaware of the immensity of the needs that have yet to be met; they also feel as strongly as the Members on the opposite side the growing intensity of the demands that they should be met; but they are only sorry for the inadequacy of their resources to meet them. It shall be our constant endeavour to advance the true interests of the people with the resources at our disposal, and I feel sure that we can confidently count upon your hearty co-operation and

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advice in this direction. In conclusion, it is once more my pleasant duty to express my grateful acknowledgment of the zealous manner in which the duties entrusted by the Council were discharged by the Members of the Standing Finance Committee to which we look and not in vain for advice and support.

President's Statement on the budget for 1105 M. E.

President.—Now that the Finance Member has explained the budget, I would like, with your kind permission, to make a short statement thereon. As is usually the case with our Finance Member, the speech delivered by him contains matters of great interest and importance, and his exposition thereof is concise, clear and convincing. Let me, therefore, congratulate him most heartily for his successful performance on this occasion also.

I do not wish to travel the ground over again, but there are certain features in the financial position upon which I desire to lay special emphasis. Let me, in the first place, advert to the so-called State surplus, which, at the end of 1104, is expected to amount to Rs. 88·62 lakhs. It has been, at times, designated a "hoarded surplus" implying thereby that the Government was pursuing an unsound financial policy, and such hoarding up was the result of bankruptcy in statesmanship. It has not infrequently been hinted that the present Executive Head of the administration is pursuing an over-cautious policy, always counting his rupees, annas and pies, and he wishes to make a huge total at the end of the year without caring for the progress of the State particularly on the development side. I made an earnest endeavour to investigate this charge and resolved upon examining with the Finance Member the facts as they really stood. From the figures given in the Finance Member's speech, it will appear that, after taking into account the amount required for ordinary treasury requirements, departmental advances and giving credit for long-term investments, etc., there is only a balance of Rs. 37·15 lakhs available, and, out of this, a sum of Rs. 28 lakhs will have to be paid as reclamation charges of the backwaters around Venduruthi as soon as the demand is made therefor. When the figures are examined and the true facts ascertained, it will be found that we have no reason to congratulate ourselves on "hoarded surpluses." On the other hand, the Government has been obliged to go in for a loan of a substantial amount for carrying out the scheme of conversion of the Railway into broad-gauge. Such being the real situation, I would request the Hon'ble Members not to go away with the impression that the Government has a hoarded surplus and is pursuing the unsound policy of making additions to the

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hoarded surplus year after year. It is, in my view, high time that the Government seriously consider the advisability of following a sound principle of finance, namely, that it should have as a reserve an amount equal to one year's receipts, a principle acted upon in progressively administered States. If the question were asked, 'has the Cochin Government any reserve', the only answer now possible is 'no'. I do not mean to say that, for the purpose of constituting a reserve, the essential needs of a progressive administration should be neglected; that is far from my object. All that I want to draw attention to at this stage is that, in criticising what is called the "hoarded surplus", the foregoing facts may be borne in mind and no charge which could not bear scrutiny be laid against the Government.

As regards the revised budget of 1104, we have been somewhat fortunate on the receipt side, Customs, Railway, Forest and Tramway having materially contributed to the increase. In regard to the increased receipts under 'Tramway,' a word of explanation is necessary in view of the discussion we had at the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee. It is only in the current year that credit is given to the Tramway Department for the transport of timber for Government purposes, and this is as it ought to be. It was asked why the Tramway should be given any credit at all for transporting Government timber. Inasmuch as Tramway has been constituted as a separate Department, it has every right to have its receipts properly credited. Supposing we employed a private agency for the purpose of such transport, will we not be liable to pay to that agency the charges on account of Government transport? For account purposes, the Tramway has to be considered more or less on a similar footing.

The estimate of disbursements for 1104 has been fairly correct. Under the heads of "Water-supply" and "Uplift of Depressed Classes", larger amounts of expenditure had to be incurred, but under "Public Works", there was some decrease due to the non-utilisation of a major portion of a lump sum of one lakh of rupees on account of irrigation. It will not, in my opinion, be a wise policy to spend money before a careful investigation of the projects is made, and this is bound to take some time. In regard to one of the projects, namely, the bunding up of the Konath river about which the investigation has been completed, the scheme could not be pushed through by reason of the necessity for co-operation on the part of the Travancore Government, and we are every day expecting the assent of that Government to our estimate. I may assure the Hon'ble Members that the scheme of irrigation is one dear to the heart

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of the Government and all possible endeavour is made to carry out the necessary schemes as expeditiously as possible. Once the essential investigation has been carefully made and completed, no time would be lost in putting the full scheme into immediate execution.

So far as the budget estimate for 1105 is concerned, you will all be struck with the notable increase under receipts in 'Abkari'. Our energetic Superintendent of Excise used to report, along with the submission of the sale lists for confirmation, that the results were satisfactory as compared with those of the previous year, taking particular care to note the amount of increase in each case. The total amount of bid in the several sales showed an increase of over a lakh of rupees, and I do not know whether or not our Hon'ble friend should be congratulated on this result. I should, for my part, consider that he has, at any rate, been acting up to one part of the formula, namely, "maximum revenue", and it is not now possible to say how far the other part of the formula, "minimum consumption", has been attained.

On the disbursement side, it will be observed that an amount of Rs. 5,000 which was provided in the budget estimate of 1104 has been repeated in the estimate of 1105 under "Training in Pisciculture, etc". It took some time for the Government to obtain useful information connected with this training, and they have now been in a position to formulate a definite scheme on the subject. It was often represented that the Government were not taking the necessary steps for utilising this amount and the fear was expressed that the amount will be allowed to lapse. I had to hold out an assurance more than once that the matter was under earnest investigation and that the amount would on no account be allowed to lapse, and even if nothing were done in the current year, the provision would be repeated in the succeeding year. Now that final orders have been passed on the subject, there need be no apprehension of delay in regard to the utilisation of the provision. As regards the Tramway, the proposal to continue its working as a Government concern for some years more can be carried into effect in view of the conclusions reached by the Special Reconnoitring Survey Officer. As the report has only just been received, the Government had not the opportunity to examine the contents carefully, but I have no doubt that there is enough stock in our forests for giving work to the Tramway for some years more. Liberal provision has been made for meeting the growing demand under "Education". Under "Sanitation and Conservancy", ample provision has been made by way of contribution to Municipalities. A sum of Rs. 25,000 has been provided by way of

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contribution to the four Municipalities in addition to the contribution of Rs. 2,050 to Trichur, and the Government propose to utilise this amount for the maintenance of the trunk roads in the Municipal towns which I consider would be a great relief to these Municipalities. Without casting any reflection upon the good intentions of the Municipal authorities to keep their trunk roads in order, it has to be noted with regret that the town roads, especially in Trichur and Ernakulam, are not in a satisfactory condition, and the question of want of funds has invariably been pleaded as an excuse for this undesirable state of things. The moment we pass from the D. P. W. roads to the Municipal roads, the difference is keenly felt, and the Government have considered it proper to maintain these trunk roads within the Municipal areas at Government cost and relieve the Municipalities of the great burden now resting on their shoulders. As to what these trunk roads are will soon be settled in consultation with the Chairmen of the respective Municipalities. A sum of Rs. 3 lakhs has been allotted under "Public Works" for the construction of the Maharaja's College building at Anappara. After taking considerable time over this question, the Government have finally resolved to push through this scheme, and both the Engineering and the Education Members are in active co-operation in regard to the final design and estimates. A hint was thrown out at the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee that this provision would be strongly opposed, but, I must point out that the Government were on more than one occasion found fault with for not coming to a decision earlier, and I have reason to think that, if the matter of shifting the College to Anappara were further delayed, the University Commission is sure to make a strong protest. The grant has been provided for after careful consideration, and care will be taken to see that no portion of this sum is diverted for any other purpose. In regard to the provision of Rs. 15 thousand for investigation in regard to the Hydro-Electric Scheme, I think it is time to make an earnest endeavour in tapping this valuable resource on which depends to a considerable extent the material prosperity of our State. It is felt that our commitments in regard to Harbour and Railway are great, but that should not stand in the way of developing this important resource of the State. Consistently with our policy of developing irrigation facilities wherever possible, an allotment of Rs. 1 lakh 54 thousand has been made, and strenuous endeavours will be made to utilise this amount as far as possible. As regards the provision of Rs. 25,000 for the Trichur Government Trade School equipments, Rs. 20,000 to the Mattancheri Hospital and the increased provision under

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"Uplift of the Depressed Classes,' I do not think that there would be any two opinions regarding the necessity for grants in these useful directions. The lump provision of Rs. 2,50,000 for the re-organisation of Departments in accordance with the orders passed on the report of the Special Finance Committee must, I am sure, attract your attention, and I have already received cut motions for raising debate on the delay in passing orders on the said report. On this point I have only to observe at this stage that the Government are equally anxious for the early disposal of the matter and that the concluding stage in their deliberation has been almost reached. I have reason to think that the matter will not be delayed further than the commencement of the next year.

What I consider necessary to bring to your special notice at this stage has now been stated. I fully trust that, in the general discussion on the various demands, useful observations of a practical nature will be made and as a result thereof the hands of the Government will be strengthened in giving effect to its settled policy of promoting the happiness and prosperity of the people of Cochin.

The work for the day is brought to a close. We will now rise.

The Council rose for the day at 4 minutes to 2 p.m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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APPENDIX I.

MEMORANDUM
EXPLAINING
THE DETAILS OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF 1105 M. E.

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION.

The following are some of the important changes in classification made in the budget estimate of 1105 to suit the present requirements.—

1. Under 'IV Stamps' two new sub-heads of receipts have been opened to exhibit the receipts on account of the sale of "Foreign Bill Stamps" and "Notarial Stamps".

2. Under 'IX Forests' separate heads have been opened to exhibit distinctly the receipts on account of the timber brought down by 'Tramway' and by 'other means.'

3. A new sub-head "Traffic for the Forest Department" has been opened under 'X Tramway' to show the receipts thereof.

4. In order to exhibit the receipts obtained by issue of brake certificates, licenses, etc., under the Motor Vehicles Regulation, a new sub-head has been opened under 'XVII Police.—A Police Proper'—'Receipts under the Motor Vehicles Regulation.'

5. On account of the provision for the training of clerks in Treasury and Account work, a separate sub-head has been opened therefor under 'Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment.'

6. Two new sub-heads are proposed under 'III. Co-operative Societies' for noting the new provisions made towards (a) Grants to Supervising Unions and (b) For Training of clerks in the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union.

7. As under Receipts, separate sub-heads have been opened under 'IX Forests' to exhibit the expenditure on account of the removal of timber (i) by Tramway and (ii) by other means.

8. Under 'Forests' again, another sub-head has been opened to show the provision for the proposed training of candidates at Dehra Dun.

9. Under 'XVII Police' two new sub-heads are proposed, one as 'Temporary Establishment' and the other for "The Traffic staff."

10. Two sub-heads have been opened under 'XXVII Public Works' for noting the provisions made for the Trichur and Aiylur Water Supply.

11. A fresh sub-head 'Rent' is proposed under "XXXI.—Uplift of the Depressed Classes" for showing the expenditure to be incurred on that account.

ABSTRACT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following statement which comprises the current year's budget and the revised estimates as also the budget estimates of the ensuing year brings out the general position.—

	Budget stimate 1104 Rs.	Revised estimate 1104 Rs.	Budget estimate 1105 Rs.
Revenue	77,06,200	87,88,400	86,09,100
Expenditure	74,16,400	75,08,200	85,36,000
Surplus or deficit	+ 2,89,800	+ 12,80,200	+ 73,100

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The budget estimate of 1104 was so framed as to leave a surplus of Rs. 2,89,800 after the year's transactions. The revised estimate, however, shows an improvement of Rs. 10,82,200 in revenue and an increase of Rs. 91,800 in expenditure thus raising the anticipated surplus from Rs. 2,89,800 to Rs. 12,80,200. The enhanced revenue is mainly contributed by 'Customs', 'Forests', 'Tramway' and 'Railway'.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF 1104.

RECEIPTS.

Land Revenue.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 12,09,100 by Rs. 35,500 mainly on account of the larger amount fetched by the sale of lands under 'Capital' and under 'Quit Rent' due to the revision of rates as also of the collection of arrears. The enhanced revenue expected under 'Inland Fisheries' also contributes to the same.

Salt.—As compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 5,52,400, the revised estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 21,600 mainly on account of the larger consumption of salt.

Stamps anticipates an increase in revenue of Rs. 6,900 over the budget estimate of Rs. 6,53,500 mainly on account of the larger sale of stamps.

Customs.—The budget estimate was fixed at a moderate figure of Rs. 9,00,000 only as a matter of caution ; but the actual realised under the Interportal Trade Convention during the current year has come to Rs. 14.43,747 somewhat less than what was obtained last year.

Abkari and Ganja (Rs. 11,39,100) anticipates an increase in revenue of Rs. 36,200 over the budget estimate chiefly on account of increased collections.

Opium.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,23,400, as against the budget estimate of Rs. 1,14,600 the increase being mainly due to the large amount under 'Rebate of duty.'

Tobacco.—The budget estimate for 1104 was fixed at Rs. 2,72,300 while the revised estimate falls short of it by Rs. 6,600 due mainly to the decreased collection under 'Arrears'.

Forests.—The revised estimate under 'Forests' is fixed at Rs. 6,65,300 thus exceeding the budget estimate by Rs. 1,43,100 mainly on account of the higher amounts fetched in auction sale of forest growths from exclusions and larger realisation of arrears and interest on delayed payments.

Tramway anticipates an increase in revenue of Rs. 1,28,000 over the budget estimate of Rs. 15,000 due mainly to the adjustment of the transport charges of the timber carried for the Forest Department under the new system of accounting.

Interest.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,14,300 only against the budget estimate of Rs. 2,47,300 based more or less on the actual figures.

Anchal.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 88,000 thus exceeding the budget estimate by Rs. 5,500 due to the larger sale of Anchal and Service stamps.

Jails.—As compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 15,300, the revised estimate shows a decrease of Rs. 3,500 mainly on account of the smaller orders for manufactured articles received from the Medical Department.

Police.—An increase of Rs. 2,900 over the budget estimate of Rs. 12,800 is anticipated mainly on account of the increased receipts under the Motor Vehicles Regulation.

Education anticipates a decrease of Rs. 13,400 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 3,17,000 chiefly due to reduction in strength and increase of half-fee concessions.

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Public Works.—Mainly due to the increased receipts under 'Tolls' the revised estimate is expected to exceed the budget estimate of Rs. 1,98,400 by Rs. 30,600.

Railway is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 1,70,000 over the budget estimate of Rs. 12,30,000 chiefly on account of the increase in traffic.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Land Revenue.—The revised estimate (Rs. 2,41,200) exceeds the budget estimate by Rs. 6,600 mainly on account of the raising of the minimum pay of menials to Rs. 10.

Co-operative.—The slight increase of Rs. 1,600 in the revised estimate over the budget estimate of Rs. 14,500 is chiefly on account of the enhanced travelling allowance for the Registrar's trip to Simla to attend the Co-operative Conference.

Stamps anticipates a decrease of Rs. 4,400 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 63,900 mainly due to the reduced expenditure incurred for the purchase of stamps.

Forests.—A large increase in expenditure of Rs. 1,05,900 is expected over the budget estimate of Rs. 2,16,900 mainly due to the provision for the transport charges by Tramway for adjustment to that head. Under 'Demarcation and Survey' as well as under 'Elephants' the revised estimates fall short of the budget allotments, the former due to less works undertaken and the latter to less amounts spent for occasional treatment.

Registration.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 68,900 by Rs. 3,100 mainly on account of leave allowances and the enhanced minimum pay of the menials.

General Administration.—Under 'Huzur Secretariat' there is an increase of Rs. 1,945 over the budget estimate owing to the entertainment of a Special Officer and clerk in connection with the report of the Special Finance Committee, while under 'Legislative Council' there is a similar increase of Rs. 2,303 over the budget estimate of Rs. 15,599 mainly due to the additional travelling allowance which had to be paid on account of the Special Session in Kanni. The total of the revised estimate under 'General Administration' exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 1,10,900 by Rs. 4,800.

Accounts and Finance.—Under 'Temporary Establishment' an increase of Rs. 1,222 is anticipated over the budget estimate of Rs. 4,293 mainly on account of the extension of the term of Special Officer for compiling the Local Audit Manual and the entertainment of a temporary auditor for budget work as usual which were not provided for. The total of the revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 42,200 only by Rs. 300 due to savings under other heads.

Law and Justice.—Mainly on account of the raising of the minimum pay of the menials an increase of Rs. 2,000 is expected in the revised estimate (Rs. 2,53,500) over the budget estimate of Rs. 2,51,500.

Jails.—Under 'Jails—Manufacture' a decrease of Rs. 1,500 is expected as compared with the budget estimate owing to smaller orders and the consequent reduction in the quantity of raw materials purchased.

Police anticipates a decrease of Rs. 5,000 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 1,97,000 mainly due to savings on account of the non-filling of short-leave vacancies and the stoppage of water allowance to the officers at Mattancheri consequent on the supply of the Alwaye water to the town.

Education expects a decrease of Rs. 20,800 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 13,09,100 mainly on account of savings under 'Establishment.'

Charities.—As compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 52,600 the revised estimate shows an increase of Rs. 43,900 mainly on account of the

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Contribution for water supply made on the occasion of His Highness' 70th Birthday.

Medical.—The revised estimate (Rs. 3,22,700) falls short of the budget estimate by Rs. 10,800 mainly on account of savings under 'Establishment' due to the non-entertainment of all the temporary hands provided for in the budget estimate besides the non-filling of some vacancies and of the reduced expenditure under 'Dietary charges,' 'Bedding and clothing,' etc.

Pension and Gratuity is responsible for an increase of Rs. 4,200 over the budget estimate of Rs. 1,87,600 mainly due to the grant of enhanced pensions to the inferior servants according to His Highness' Birthday announcement.

Military contributes to a decrease of Rs. 2,400 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 1,04,500 due to the non-utilisation of the full provision of Rs. 4,000 made for the purchase of troop horses.

Public Works anticipates a saving of Rs. 1,07,200 out of the budget allotment of Rs. 14,30,000 due to the non-utilisation of a major portion of the amount provided under 'Irrigation' in the current year.

Scientific, etc., Departments.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,24,900 as against the budget allotment of Rs. 1,19,800 the excess of Rs. 5,100 being due to the increased expenditure which had to be incurred under 'Stoneware Factory' towards the adjustment of the cost of fuel and under 'Zoo'.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—An increase of Rs. 17,800 over the budget allotment of Rs. 55,500 is expected due to the high acquisition charges of the Ullada Colony at Nettur, increased grants-in-aid to colonies, construction of a larger number of Bhajana Mutts, increased cost of feeding pulaya pupils, supply of school materials, etc.

Miscellaneous anticipates an increase of Rs. 44,600 over the budget estimate of Rs. 87,300 on account of the increased expenditure under 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 'Entertainment of State Guests' as also due to the appointment of a Special Officer and staff for Harbour and Railways besides the recent flood relief operations for which a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been estimated under "Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges".

BUDGET ESTIMATES OF 1105.

RECEIPTS.

Land Revenue.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 12,22,100 thus falling short of the revised estimate by Rs. 22,500. The special circumstances under which the increased revised estimate is anticipated have already been explained.

Salt.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 5,74,000, the budget estimate anticipates a decrease of Rs. 15,600 based more or less on the average of the actuals of previous years.

Stamps.—The budget estimate (Rs. 6,65,100) has been prepared on the basis on the average of the last few years and hence the increase as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 6,60,400.

Customs.—The budget estimate for 1105 is fixed at Rs. 12,00,000 only against the revised estimate of Rs. 14,43,700 as a matter of caution.

Abkari & Ganja.—The budget estimate for 1105 is fixed at Rs. 12,54,600 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 11,39,100 based on the auction sales of the toddy and arrack shops.

Opium.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,23,400 the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,26,900 on the basis of the auction sales.

Tobacco.—Compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 2,65,700 the budget is estimated at Rs. 3,14,900. This also is based on the result of the auction sales.

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Forests anticipates a decrease of Rs. 56,500 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 6,65,300. The increase in the revised estimate has already been explained.

Under '**Tramway**' the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,31,900, the main item representing the amount expected to be adjusted by the Forest Department towards the transport of timber by Tramway and the balance the normal revenue.

Interest.--As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 2,14,300 the budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 78,900 based on the actual investments.

Education.—(Rs. 3,15,000) anticipates an increase in receipt of Rs. 11,400 over the revised estimate mainly due to the increase expected in the number of pupils.

Public Works.—The budget estimate anticipates a decrease of Rs. 12,400 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 2,29,000, the decrease being chiefly under 'Toll receipts' and 'Contribution in aid of Public Works' which are fluctuating items.

Railway.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 13,00,000 based more or less on the actuals of the previous year.

Scientific, etc, Departments.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 7,200 the budget estimate anticipates an excess of Rs. 19,000 the increase being under 'Stoneware Factory' due to the fact that manufacture on a larger scale is proposed to be undertaken next year.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Land Revenue:—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,41,200 the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,44,300 the increase being mainly under 'Establishment'. As the budget provision of Rs. 5,000 in the current year for sending candidates for training in pisciculture could not be utilised in this year, a similar provision is made for next year. To meet the increased work in the Diwan Peishkar's Office the appointment of a temporary clerk on Rs. 45 has been sanctioned for a period of 6 months from the closing days of Edavam 1104 and the provision of Rs. 209 represents the amount required for payment next year. Lump provisions of Rs. 500 and of Rs. 300 have also been made for getting trained a graduate in Survey and two clerks in Treasury and Account work. The provision of Rs. 2,080 under 'Office Expenses' is towards lighting charges, binding charges, subscription to periodicals, purchase of clocks, etc., while that of Rs. 1,456 under 'Miscellaneous' is on account of conveyance of tapals and jamabandy records, search fees on agriculture loan cases, clock winding charges at Trichur, binding charges of gazettes, watering charges of plantations in village office compounds, etc. Under 'Rents' a provision of Rs. 1,815 has been made against the revised estimate of Rs. 397 to meet the extra charges on account of the proposed transfer of village offices now held in private buildings to rented ones. For the better safety of the village records and in order to provide free access to all castes the practice of holding village offices in private buildings seems to be objectionable and hence the proposed increase.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 3,44,500, i. e., Rs. 26,800 more than the revised estimate of the current year. Under 'Travelling Allowance' an excess of Rs. 1,100 over the revised estimate of Rs. 4,000 is provided chiefly on account of the filling up of the posts of two Inspectors with the consequent increased travelling. The enhanced provision under 'Instrument and accessories' is for equipping the Laboratory, the building for which was under construction in the current year. The provision of Rs. 1,215 under 'Agriculture-Miscellaneous' is towards the stipend to the student in Poona, demonstration, subscription to journals,

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etc., while that of Rs. 6,550 under 'Central Farm-Miscellaneous' is for lighting charges, repair of roads and fences, silt clearing tanks and wells, purchase and repair of vessels, etc. The main gardens that have to be maintained with the allotment of Rs. 27,679 are the Hill Palace Gardens, the Tullocks Gardens, the Spring Field and Elkhill Gardens. The provision of Rs. 2,300 under 'Cocoanut Station—other charges' is towards casual labour, cattle food, manure, fencing, etc. Under 'Avenue—other charges' a provision of Rs. 8,000 is made for new plantings, weeding charges, purchase of implements, etc. The provision of Rs. 1,600 under 'Veterinary Hospitals—Miscellaneous' is for purchase of instruments, bazaar drugs, etc.

Co-operative.—Only the usual provision of Rs. 4,200 has been made under 'Travelling Allowance', the increased revised estimate having been due to special circumstances already explained. The enhanced provision under 'Purchase of furniture' is towards the supply of the necessary tables, chairs, almirahs, etc., to all the Inspectors. Following other States, it is proposed to encourage the starting of Supervising Unions and as a preliminary step a provision of Rs. 1,200 has been made for giving grants to four such unions. It is proposed to get trained the senior clerks of the Co-operative Registrar's Office in the Institute at Madras so that there may not be dearth of duly trained hands when vacancies occur in the Inspectorate and hence the provision of Rs. 500 for the purpose. The provision under 'Office expenses' is towards subscriptions to journals, lighting charges, etc.

Excise.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 2,99,000 the budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 4,600 the increase being distributed under 'Purchase of salt', 'Transport charges of opium and ganja,' etc. The provision of Rs. 1,200 under 'Office expenses' is towards lighting charges, conveyance charges, etc., and that of Rs. 3,100 under 'Miscellaneous' is for charges for marking trees, purchase of a weighing machine, maintenance of revenue defaulters in jails, shifting of Narakkal Fish-curing yard, etc.

Forests.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 3,75,800 thus exceeding the revised estimate of Rs. 3,22,800 by Rs. 53,000. This increase is mainly contributed by the more extensive operations anticipated next year and the provision made for sending two students for training in Forestry to Dehra Dun. The provision of Rs. 650 under 'Office expenses' is towards lighting charges, conveyance of records and other sundry expenses.

Tramway.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 1,12,000, the budget estimate shows an increase of Rs. 17,900 the increase being chiefly due to the provision for the purchase of locomotives, increased allotment for repairs to bridges, etc.

Registration.—The budget estimate (Rs. 70,300) falls short of the revised estimate only by Rs. 1,700, the increase in the latter being due to leave allowance. Under 'Temporary Establishment' besides the usual allotment, provision has been made for an additional clerk for the Vadakkancheri Registry Office from 1st Chingam 1105 to meet the increased work there. The provision under 'Office expenses' is for lighting charges, binding charges, etc., while that under 'Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of special registration inks, conveyance charges of register volumes, tapals, etc.

Anchal.—The provision of Rs. 1,300 under 'Office expenses' is towards lighting charges, express and special mail charges, purchase of cash bags, etc. Provision has also been made for 4 additional anchalmen to meet the demands of the Department.

General Administration.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,14,600 which does not vary much from the revised estimate of Rs. 1,15,700.

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(i) *Huzur Secretariat.*—Under 'Temporary Establishment' provision has been made for the continuance of the special clerk and typist lent to the Merry Lodge Palace for compiling old records; provision has also been made for the Karkadagam pay of the Special Officer and the typist entertained in the current year for the revision of the P. W. Code, Standing Orders, Land Revenue Manual, etc. The increased allotment under 'Liveries and Clothing' is due to the fact that belts and cummerbands have to be renewed in the forthcoming year. The provision under 'Office expenses' is towards the allowances of the Record Box Carrier and the Central Records Masapadi, lighting charges, etc., while that under 'Miscellaneous' is for bonus to the typists and clerks in connection with Legislative Council work, allowance for the Huzur Tennis Court and other unforeseen charges.

(ii) *Special Palace Office.*—The enhanced provision of Rs. 545 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 25 under 'Miscellaneous' is on account of the provision for the purchase of a type-writer and accessories.

(iii) *Legislative Council Office.*—The allotment of Rs. 27 under 'Temporary Establishment' is towards the allowance now being given to some clerks in connection with a Legislative Committee work. The increased allotment under 'Liveries and Clothing' is, as in the former case, for renewal of belts and cummerbands.

Accounts and Finance.—As a necessary complement to the compilation of the Local Audit Manual which was done in the current year it is proposed to have Departmental Account Codes for those offices which have no such codes to guide their work and hence provision has been made for deputing the Senior Assistant Comptroller of Accounts for this work for a period of six months. This is the only provision which needs explanation.

Law and Justice.—The increased provision under 'A.—Law Department—Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of type-writers to the 'Offices of Sirkar Vakils' while that under 'T. A.' is for the Anjikaimal Sirkar Vakil to go to Madras and Mangalore to examine witnesses on commission. The provision of Rs. 1,550 under '(1) Chief Court—Office expenses' is towards the purchase of a type-writer, renewal of belts and badges, railway fare for prisoners, fees to defend poor prisoners, printing judgments in criminal cases, etc., while that of Rs. 1,500 under 'District Courts—Office expenses and Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of Law books, subscription to the Indian Law Reports, for a type-writer to the Anjikaimal District Court, fees to Vakils to defend poor prisoners in Sessions cases, etc. Again, the provision of Rs. 1,250 under 'Munsiffs' Courts—Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of Law Books to the different Munsiffs' Courts, lighting charges, etc., while that of Rs. 550 for 'Office expenses' under 'Criminal Justice' is for the purchase of a type-writer to the District Magistrate's Court, lighting charges, etc. Under 'Miscellaneous' the allotment of Rs. 1,350 is towards rent, subscription to Law Periodicals, punkah coolies for the courts, trainage and diet of prisoners sent to foreign territories on extradition, purchase of Law Books, etc.

Jails.—The budgt estimate exceeds the revised estimate of Rs. 40,500 by Rs. 2,300 the increase being due to a lump provision of Rs. 3,000 made for giving effect to the recommendations of the Jail Committee. The provision of Rs. 3,000 under 'Central Jail—Miscellaneous' is for lighting charges, purchase of medicines, purchase and repair of furniture, etc. The provision of Rs. 545 under 'Sub-Jails—Miscellaneous' is also towards the cost of medicines, lighting charges, etc.

Police.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 1,92,900, the budget estimate for 1105 shows an increase of Rs. 9,000. The increase is mainly due to the provision made for the entertainment of traffic staff and probationary Sub-Inspectors.

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Education.—The budget estimate for the next year is fixed at Rs. 13,70,000 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 12,88,400. The increase is mainly under' Secondary Education—Boys' and 'Primary Education-Boys' due to the provision made for the opening of additional divisions and classes and for grant-in-aid to new schools and classes. Under 'Collegiate Education' a lump of provision of Rs. 4,000 has been made for strengthening the staff and a sum of Rs. 6,000 has been provided for special grant to the St. Thoma's College and the St. Teresa's College. A lump provision of Rs. 3,600 has also been made for the opening of the Language Department and re-grouping of the subjects in the College. Under 'Secondary Education—Boys' a lump provision of Rs. 1,440 is made for the entertainment of four Hindi teachers.. The provision of Rs. 1,540 under 'Collegiate Education—Miscellaneous' and 'Office expenses' is towards the printing charges of examination papers, College Calendar, Library Catalogue, etc. The provisions under 'Secondary Education—Miscellaneous' are for the purchase of paper for examination purposes and for other sundry expenses.

Medical.—The budget estimate (Rs. 3,28,700) anticipates an excess of Rs. 6,000 over the revised estimate, the increase being mainly under' Temporary Establishment' due to the provision made for one store-clerk and two packers newly entertained for the General Hospital and one clerk for the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Office to cope with the increased work. The non-entertainment of all the additional hands provided for in the current year also contributes to the excess under the head as compared with the revised estimate. Though all arrears outstanding towards the cost of medicines referred to in the previous budgets have been paid up in the current year, a provision of Rs. 90,000 has been made in the budget estimate under 'Cost of medicines, etc.' which is in excess of the usual provision exclusive of arrears by Rs. 15,000. This is due to the increase in the number of patients in the several hospitals and the consequent necessity for increased quantity of medicines. The same reason holds good in regard to the increased provision under 'Dietary charges'. The provision of Rs. 7,750 under 'Miscellaneous' is for washing, lighting charges, etc., and also includes a sum of Rs. 750 for completing the construction of a laundry in the General Hospital. Provision has also been made for the opening of three more rural dispensaries next year at Vadavukode, Cheruvirutti and Kumbalam.

Sanitation and Conservancy.—The budget estimate exceeds the revised estimate of Rs. 49,800 by Rs. 10,000, the increase being due to larger provision for town improvement works.

Pension and gratuity.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,11,800 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,91,800. The increase is mainly due to the expected retirement of highly paid officers and also owing to the removal of the distinction between inferior and superior service for purposes of pension as per His Highness' Birthday Boons.

Stationery and Printing.—The budget estimate exceeds the revised estimate of Rs. 95,700 by Rs. 6,600, the increase being mainly under ' Purchase of stationery articles ' due to the provision made for larger supply and for payment of the balance cost of the articles purchased in the current year. The provision of Rs. 2,000 under ' Printing—Office expenses' is for the purchase of kerosine oil, fuel, charges for the supply of electric current, etc., and that of Rs. 1,300 under ' Miscellaneous ' is for adjustment on account of service labels for despatch of Gazettes, railway freight for sending printed forms, cooly charges, etc.

Military.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 1,02,100 the budget estimate shows a decrease of Rs. 2,500 mainly due to the absence of any provision for the purchase of horses next year.

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Public Works.—The budget estimate under 'CivilEngineering' is fixed at Rs. 15,47,800 and that under 'Mechanical and Electrical Engineering' at Rs. 2,75,100 as against the revised estimates of Rs. 10,59,300 and Rs. 2,63,500 respectively. Larger provisions have been made under 'Communications,' 'Buildings' and 'Irrigation.' Under 'Buildings' a lump provision of Rs. 3,00,000 has been made for shifting the Maharaja's College to Anappara. The increase under 'Mechanical and Electrical Engineering' is chiefly due to a provision of Rs. 25,000 made for purchase of cars.

Scientific, etc., Departments.—The budget estimate for 1105 is fixed at Rs. 1,62,400 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,24,900, the increase being mainly under 'Industries'. The provision of Rs. 1,500 made under 'Ethnography' is towards the expenditure in connection with the publication of the Third Volume of the 'Cochin Tribes and Castes'. Under 'Museum—other charges' a provision of Rs. 1,000 has been made towards the conveyance allowance of the Honorary Superintendent, purchase of specimens, etc. The allotment of Rs. 10,325 provided under 'Zoo—other charges' is to cover the feeding charges of animals,repair of cages, purchase of animals, etc., and that of Rs. 100 under 'Gardens-other charges' is for the purchase of Lawn Mower and for other sundry expenses. Of the sum of Rs. 5,226 under 'Industrial Museum—other charges', Rs. 5,206 represent as explained last year the net deficit incurred in connection with the sale of the Kuthampilli cloths and this amount has to be written off by adjustment by debit to this head and credit to advances. Commercial class is proposed to be opened in the High School, Vadakkancheri, also. The provision or Rs. 320 made under 'Industries—Miscellaneous' includes a sum of Rs. 200 for developing silk rearing at Chalakkudi. A provision of Rs. 25,000 has been made for workshop equipment in the G. T. School, Trichur, with special provision for motor mechanic's course and electrical wireman's course and this mainly accounts for the large increase under 'Industries.' The provisions under 'Miscellaneous' in the several sections are for subscriptions to journals, lighting charges, service labels, rent, cleaning charges, etc. The increased provision under 'Stoneware Works' is due to the fact that manufacture on a bigger scale is proposed to be taken up in 1105.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—The budget estimate exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 11,500, the increase being mainly due to the larger provisions made for feeding and supply of school materials to Primary Boys and Girls and for grant-in-aid. A lump provision of Rs. 1,996 has been made for the opening of new schools and classes. The provision of Rs. 4,500 under 'A-Miscellaneous' includes tour charges, office rent, service labels, charges for the opening of Bhajana Mutts, burial grounds, etc.

Miscellaneous.—The budget estimate (Rs. 3,58,400) exceeds the revised estimate by Rs. 2,26,500. The increase is due to the enhanced provision made under 'Entertainment of State Guests' to meet the expenses connected with the proposed visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and also on account of the lump provision of Rs. 2,50,000 made for the re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the SpecialFinance Committee's report.

The following is a list of the items of expenditure which have been newly provided for in the budget estimate of 1105 and which are not continuations of the existing temporary schemes.—

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Serial No.	Items	Provision Rs.
	1. Land Revenue.	
1	Survey Training to a graduate clerk	500
2	Training of two clerks in Treasury and Account work	300
	3. Co-operative Societies.	
3	Grants to Supervising Unions	1,200
4	Lump provision for training of clerks in the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union	500
	9. Forests.	
5	Stipends to two students for training at Dehra Dun	13,306
	14. Accounts and Finance.	
6	Special Officer for compiling Departmental Account Codes	1,500
	16. Jails.	
7	Lump provision for giving effect to the recommendations of the Jail Committee	3,000
	17. Police.	
8	Entertainment of Probationary Sub-Inspectors	960
9	Entertainment of Traffic Staff	4,000
	18. Education.	
10	Lump provision for strengthening the College staff	4,000
11	Lump provision for the opening of the Language Department and re-grouping of subjects in the College	3,600
12	Lump provision for the entertainment of four Hindi teachers	1,440
	21. Medical.	
13	Opening of three more Rural Dispensaries	1,800
	27. Public Works.	
14	Hydro-electric scheme	15,000
15	Lump provision for shifting the College to Anappara	3,00,000
16	Trichur water supply	30,000
17	Aiylore water supply	8,000
18	Purchase of a ten-ton steam Roller	10,000
19	Purchase of cars	25,000
20	Purchase of a 100 ton barge	25,000

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Serial No.	Items	Provision Rs.
	29. Scientific, etc., Department.	
21	Opening of Commercial class at Vadakkancheri	700
22	Developing silk rearing at Chalakkudi	200
23	Workshop equipment in the G. T. School, Trichur	25,000
	32. Miscellaneous.	
24	Lump provision for re-organisation of Departments	2,50,000

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Comptroller of Accounts and Finance Member.

APPENDIX II.

MINUTES OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Committee was summoned for a 3 days' meeting to consider the budget for 1105 M. E. and it met for the first day at 12-10 a. m., in the Diwan's Room, Huzur Office, on Wednesday, the 2nd of Karkadagam 1104 (17th of July 1929).

Present:—

1. M. R. Ry., Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M. A., B. L., President.
2. ,, K. J. Antony Avl., B, A., B. L.
3. ,, K. Krishna Pisharodi Avl., B. A., B. Com., etc.
4. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan Avl.
5. Rama Varmha Tampuram, M. A., L. T., B. Sc., Bar-at-Law.
6. A. B. Salem Esquire, B. A., B. L.
7. M. R. Ry., T. K. Krishna Menon Avl., Convener.

I. Demands for supplementary grants were taken up first. They were (a) Rs. 1,900 under I—Land Revenue—Capital—Cranganur.

(b) Rs. 1,600 under XIII—Primary Education—Boys' School—Cranganur.

Both demands were passed.

II. A sum of Rs. 10,000, the President explained, would be required for flood relief operations. The Committee agreed to sanction this. The Diwan Peishkar will be requested to furnish such particulars about the nature of the reliefs required as could be gathered for the information of the Council.

III. At this stage, Mr. A. B. Salem raised a point of order, that, as Rama Varmha Tampuran has not been sworn in, he has no place in the Committee. The President ruled that, as the Standing Finance Committee is not a part of the Council, taking the oath is not a condition precedent for his taking part in the work of this Committee. Further, on a former occasion, a similar case arose and no objection was raised then.

IV. The consideration of the budget for 1105 was then taken up.

Mr. A. B. Salem pointed out that under I—Land Revenue, in the revised estimate for 1104, there is an increase which is not explained and for which no leave of the Council is taken. The President said that all Heads of Departments would hereafter be asked to send in their applications for additional allotments in time to be placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Council.

The Committee rose at 5-5 p. m.

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Thursday, *the* *3rd of Karkadagam 1104.*
18th of July 1929.

The Committee met at 12 noon in the Diwan's Room, Huzur Office.

All except Messrs. K. J. Antony and T. K. Krishna Menon were present. But they turned up afterwards.

I. Mr. A. B. Salem reiterated his point that, wherever revised estimates provided more than the budgetted amounts, the excess must be applied for sufficiently early by the officers concerned so that the applications might go before the Council as demands for additional grants. The President said that all Heads of Departments would be circularised accordingly.

II. It was pointed out that village offices should be held in permanent buildings constructed for that purpose, and not in rented places. It was suggested that, so far as possible, the village offices and Panchayat offices might be located in the same building, if that could be practically done. The President said that the Diwan Peishkar and the Superintendent of Panchayats would be written to on the subject to know their views about it, how many buildings would be required and what each would approximately cost. The expenditure under this head might be spread over a number of years. A provision of Rs. 10,000 might be made under this head for 1105, instead of Rs. 5,000 (vide item 214 in Appendix B).

III. Mr. A. B. Salem wanted to know whether any additional allotment was sanctioned for the sum of Rs. 1,295 shown under E (1) on page 20. The Finance Member answered in the affirmative.

IV. Mr. A. B. Salem wanted to know how no portion of the amount of Rs. 5,000 provided in 1104 for training in Pisciculture was utilised. The President said that necessary investigations were only completed recently and that from 1105 training would be started. (E (6) on page 20.)

V. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan asked whether any sums need be spent for training in Survey and Treasury work and whether qualified hands could not be got. The Finance Member replied that the sums shown (vide (4) and (7) under E on page 20) are provided for the pay of those who would be sent for training, that it was not always easy to get qualified hands and not safe to appoint any without the necessary training.

VI. The President said that he would note Mr. A. B. Salem's suggestions to have a uniform rate for binding Gazettes and cleaning charges in the various Panchayats.

VII. Referring to items 242 and 247, on page 7 of Appendix A, Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan remarked that there were not sufficient number of lights in the Choondal, Mundathikode and Vadakkancheri Panchayats.

VIII. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan wanted to know the necessity for the provision of cleaning the Oottupurakulam at Vadakkancheri (item 260 on page 8 of Appendix A).

IX. Mr. K. J. Antony said that items 451 and 452 (page 12 of Appendix A) should come under the Pallivirutti Panchayat. The Finance Member similarly suggested that items 541 and 578 should be transferred to the head of the Uplift of the Depressed Classes. The President agreed to this course and directed that the necessary alterations be made.

X. Mr. K. J. Antony said that any expenditure under items 528 and 531 (page 15 of Appendix A) would be sheer waste. He said that the only courses open were the supply of Alwaye water or of water from adjacent places where good water could be got. It was finally agreed to delete these items and to provide funds for an investigation on the matter to be conducted by the Chief Engineer.

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XI. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan's request for allotments for the repair of the Choondal tank and for the construction of a road from Keecheri to Parappur was noted.

XII. Under Disbursement head—7—Stamps—Mr. A. B. Salem said that stamps should be manufactured locally. It was cheap and it would provide work for some hands. The President said that, so far as possible, steps would be taken for making stamps in the State.

XIII. Mr. A. B. Salem asked for the reason of the increase in the revised estimate of 1104 of more than a lakh of rupees in the Forest Department. The Finance Member said that it was only an adjustment necessitated by the creation of a new head under Tramway, and that represented the expenses incurred in bringing down timber from the hills.

The Committee rose for the day at 5 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council and
Convener.

Friday, *the 4th of Karkadagam 1104.*
19th of July 1929.

The Committee met at 12 noon in the Diwan's Room, Huzur Secretariat.

All except Messrs. K. J. Antony and T. K. Krishna Menon were present. They came in subsequently.

1. Three demands for supplementary grants were placed before the Committee:—

(a)	XV—Law and Justice—Factories- T. A.	Rs. 100.
(b)	XI—Registration—Establishment of Dt. Registrars	Rs. 2,018.
	Temporary Establishment	Rs. 100.
	T. A.	Rs. 125.
(c)	XIV—Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment	Rs. 613.

Of these, (a) and (c) were passed without comment. In the case of (b) there was a request not to permit that expenditure under 16 (9), but to place it before the Council for sanction.

The consideration of the budget was then continued.

II. In connection with the allotment for stipends for two students for training at Dehra Dun, the President said that the choice would be made only after notification in the Gazette, the production of medical certificates and the scrutiny of marks obtained by the candidates at their University examination.

III. Mr. A. B. Salem wished to know whether it would be possible to reduce the Anchal rates and to employ more Anchal men as there was a paucity of hands. He suggested that it would be better to give Anchal-masters allowance instead of pay.

IV. The Finance Member suggested that the pay of the Special Officer shown under the General Administration should be made a non-votable item. Mr. A. B. Salem said that, when his retention was objected to by the Council, there was no meaning in keeping his typist.

V. Page 53, No. 17. Mr. A. B. Salem suggested that Indian-made, preferably Cochin-made, cloths may be supplied to the Police Department. The President said that, if cloth of the required sorts are available, this suggestion could be extended to other Departments as well.

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VI. Mr. A. B. Salem wanted the education of the Back-ward Classes to be made compulsory.

VII. Mr. A. B. Salem said that there was no necessity for a store-clerk and two packers in the Medical Department as the contractors could be asked to supply the different Hospitals direct.

Mr. A. B. Salem said that the efficiency of tinctures locally manufactured was questioned by the public and medical men. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan wanted to bring to the notice of the Committee the dearth of medicines in certain Hospitals. He also wanted a Hospital to be opened at Vadakkancheri.

VIII. Mr. A. B. Salem suggested that no allotment should be made for works except in exceptional cases, unless they were found necessary and the plan and estimate for them were prepared and approved by the Government.

IX. Mr. J. Antony requested that provision might he made for a branch from the Mattancheri-Arur road to be opened to the southern extremity of Pallivirutti. The length will be about a mile, and Rs. 5,000 may be put down.

X. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan stated that the public badly wanted item No. 43 in Appendix B on page 5 to be converted to a bridge over which carts also could go. He also wanted a direct communication from Enkakkad to Vadakkancheri.

XI. Mr. A. B. Salem wanted to know why two allotments were made for the Leper Asylum (Nos. 180 and 184).

XII. Mr. A. B. Salem wanted (No. 193) the allotment of 3 lakhs for shifting the College to Anappara to be cancelled.

The Committee rose for the day at 5 p. m.

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